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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Sweet Water International Ministries, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00  
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Steven J. Bentz  
Name (Printed or typed)

523 Oakland's Plantation Rd.  
Address

Monticello, Florida 32344  
City, State & Zip

850-508-0007  
Daytime Telephone number

steven.bentz@gmail.com  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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AND  
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**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

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**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:

**Sweet Water International Ministries, Inc.**

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**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

Principal street address:

**523 Oakland's Plantation Rd.**

**Monticello, Florida 32344**

Mailing address, if different is:

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

**This corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable  
and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3)  
of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.**

**ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed:

**ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS**

Name and Title: **Steven J. Bentz, Director**

Address: **523 Oakland's Plantation Rd.  
Monticello, Florida 32344**

Name and Title: **Jacqueline M. Bentz, Director**

Address: **523 oakland's plantation Rd.  
Monticello, Florida 32344**

Name and Title: **Alzo Slade, Director**

Address: **3108 Hawks Landing Dr.  
Tallahassee, Florida 32309**

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**ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and Florida street address (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Name: Steven J. Bentz  
Address: 523 Oakland's Plantation Rd.  
Monticello, Florida 32344

**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name: Steven J. Bentz  
Address: 523 Oakland's Plantation Rd  
Monticello, Florida 32344

*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity*

Steven J. Bentz  
Required Signature of Registered Agent

7/1/14  
Date

*I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.*

Steven J. Bentz  
Required Signature of Incorporator

7/1/14  
Date

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

### ARTICLE IV: MANNER OF ELECTION

The Manner in which the directors are elected and appointed:

Section 1: The corporation shall have no members, and shall be governed exclusively by its Board of Directors. The manner in which the directors of the corporation shall be elected or appointed shall be governed by the provisions of the Bylaws of the corporation.

Section 2: The powers and business affairs of the corporation shall be exercised and managed by or under the authority or direction of the corporation's Board of Directors. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by a majority of the directors, but at no time shall there be fewer than three (3) directors of the corporation.

### ARTICLE VIII: DISSOLUTION

- (a) Upon the dissolution of the Church, the Board of Directors shall, after the payment of all the liabilities of the Church, dispose of all the assets of the Church exclusively for the purposes of the Church in such a manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for the purposes of the church in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall qualify as an exempt corporation or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or of the corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine.
- (b) No part of the net earnings of the Church shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, officers, directors, or any person except that the Church shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments in the furtherance of the Church. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws of the Church, the Church shall not carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax, under Section 501(c)(3) or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (or by the corresponding section of any future Revenue Code of the United States of America) or (b) by a corporation, contributions of which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) if the Internal Revenue Code of

1986, as amended (or the corresponding section of any future United States Revenue Law).