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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

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The following are the Articles of Incorporation of a non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be: DIANA J. MELENDEZ MINISTRIES, INC.

ARTICLE II- OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

1. Writing and distribution of books and teaching materials.
2. Radio broadcasting, TV broadcasting, different types of effective media.
3. Outreach ministry to impoverished children of Latin American countries.
4. Outreach ministry to women in need of psychological, spiritual, emotional or any type of help through Daughters of Zion.
5. To disseminate the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Word of God, to the end that the people of God may be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.
6. To bring both families of believers and individual believers in the Lord Jesus Christ together in personal fellowship, both in the home and in cell groups.
7. To regularly assemble together the members for fellowship, one with another and to worship God in spirit and in truth, and to cooperate in the assembling of the whole body of Christ.

8. To provide basic New Testament discipleship to all members.

9. To solve family and marital problems so that the home life of each member is healthy and fruitful by Biblical standards.

10. To baptize in water; to anoint the sick with oil; to marry; to dedicate infants; to celebrate the Lord's Supper; and to conduct funeral services.

11. To act with charitable concern for men in need of any help which can be given, regardless of race, social position, or religious affiliation; to develop and carry out programs of social action for the poor, widowed, orphaned, afflicted, imprisoned, underprivileged, or aged person.

12. To pray for the needs of all men and for local and national leaders and governments.

13. To support and encourage communication and extension of the Christian life and witness by sound and comprehensive preaching and teaching of the Holy Bible and of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to all men, both within this fellowship and elsewhere, only by conventional modes, but also by all means which will accomplish such communication, extension, teaching and preaching, including but not limited to media of communication developed by modern technology; and in aid of such communication, extension, preaching and teaching, but not for private profit, to sponsor, participate in, conduct or engage in radio broadcasting, television broadcasting, the printing or reproducing and publication of recordings, books, and other materials, operate and own a bookstore, the establishment and operation of a school or

schools, Christian Universities, day-cares and the holding and conducting of seminars, study groups, workshops and meetings, by either resident or traveling evangelists, teachers, or other elders; to receive offerings for such purposes; and to grant aid and pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered to persons, firms, and corporations for such purposes.

14. To recognize, support and cooperate with the various ministries established by God to equip believers to fulfill their respective functions as members of the Body of Christ and to bring the whole body of Christ to maturity and completion.

15. To ordain ministers; to assist in the establishment and maintenance of Churches and ministries; and to send forth missionaries for the establishment and upbuilding of Churches and ministries, both domestic and foreign. It is part of the vision or objectives to sponsor newly planted churches and ministries throughout the United States and throughout the world.

16. To help the community in providing services that will include aid to the homeless male and female, providing shelter, food, clothes, counseling that could help them integrate back into society, support groups, Bible classes and referrals to community/governmental medical agencies.

17. To help the community in general conducting seminars and conferences in Public Schools and churches for Aids prevention, and drug and alcohol prevention.

18. To help the community in providing aid to female and male HIV patients giving them shelter, food, clothes, counseling, support groups, Bible classes, referrals to community/government

medical agencies and recuperation program for substance abusers. To provide comprehensive care services for children, youth, women, and families who are infected or affected by human immune deficiency HIV and to link comprehensive care.

19. Establish a program to visit the prisons, with the main purpose of developing a prevention program inside the system, and to make the inmates aware of the Aids epidemic, providing Bible classes, counseling and psychotherapy that could provide the emotional and spiritual support needed to help inmates cope with the system and prepare them to be model citizens when released.

20. A health care for homeless children and substance abusers, establishing centers that provide shelter, food, clothes, Bible classes, education in foreign countries.

21. Establish a program to visit the hospitals, providing the spiritual and psychosocial support needed to help the sick.

22. The general nature of the business or businesses to be transacted by the corporation will be the carrying of the business, businesses, and all related activities, duties, acts and procedures connected with providing for the sick and the needy. Educate people about drug addiction, alcoholism, homelessness through television, radio, newspaper, and any other forms of mass communication, holding and conducting seminars and workshops. Associated either directly or indirectly with, but not limited to, miscellaneous services, and other activities to be transacted with either foreign or domestic persons, firms, companies, corporations, partnerships, governments or governmental agencies and other business or businesses, to the full extent permitted by

the laws of Florida as a nonprofit corporation. The purposes of the corporation are exclusively charitable/educational/religious within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal, State or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed by the Court of Common Pleas, of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE III ENABLING POWERS

In order to provide any and all of the services set out above, the corporation shall have the power:

a) To apply for and obtain any and all such licenses and permits of whatever location needed as shall be deemed necessary for the lawful functions of the corporation.

b) To buy, sell or otherwise acquire, handle, hold and dispose of real and personal property or any interest therein; to enter into transactions of any kind or character whatsoever with respect to such real or personal and to dispose of it as may be required.

c) To manage, supervise, operate, control, lease, let and sublet offices, office buildings, and all other kinds and character of property of every nature whatsoever.

d) To purchase, or otherwise acquire, and to own and mortgage, pledge, sell, assign and transfer or otherwise dispose of, and to

invent, trade, deal in and deal with goods, wares, merchandise and other personal property of every class and description whatsoever.

e) To buy, sell, manufacture, repair, alter and exchange, let or hire, export and deal in all kinds of articles and things which may be required for the purpose of any of the said businesses, or commonly supplied or dealt in by persons engaged in any such businesses, or which may seem capable of being profitably dealt with in connection with any of the said businesses.

f) To guarantee, acquire by purchase, subscription or otherwise, hold for investment or otherwise sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of the shares of indebtedness created by any other corporation or corporations of the State of Florida, or any other state or government, domestic or foreign; and while the owner of any such stocks, bonds, securities or evidences of indebtedness, to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the right to vote thereon for any and all purposes; to aid by loan, subsidy guaranty, or in any other manner whatsoever so far as the same be permitted in the case of corporations organized under the General Corporation Laws of the State of Florida, any corporation whose stocks, bonds, securities or other obligations are or may be in any manner and at any time owned, held or guaranteed, and to do any and all other acts or things for the preservation, protection, improvement, or enhancement in value of any such stocks, bonds,

securities or other obligations; and to do all and any such acts or things designed to accomplish any such purpose.

g) To acquire, hold, own, dispose of, and generally deal in grants, concessions, franchises and contracts of every kind; to cause to be formed, to promote and aid in any way in the formation of any corporation, domestic or foreign.

h) To act as financial, business and purchasing agent for domestic and foreign corporations, individuals, partnerships, associations, state governments or other bodies.

i) To acquire in any manner, enjoy, utilize, hold, sell, assign, lease, mortgage or otherwise dispose of, letters patent of the United States or of any foreign country, patents, patent rights, licenses and privileges, inventions, improvements and processes, copyrights, trademarks and trade names or pending applications therefor, relating to or useful in connection with any business of the corporation or any other corporation in which the corporation may have an interest as a stockholder or otherwise.

j) To borrow money and contract debts when necessary for the transaction or business or for the exercise of its corporate rights, privileges or franchises, or for any other lawful purpose of its incorporation; to issue bonds, promissory notes, bills of exchange, payable at a specified event or events, secured or unsecured, the right to convert the principal thereof into any preferred or common stock of the corporation, now or hereafter authorize, upon such terms and conditions as shall be fixed by the Board of Elders may deem judicious, subject, however, to the

provisions of Article III hereof.

k) To acquire by purchase, subscriptions or otherwise, and to hold for investment, and to own, hold, sell, vote and handle shares of stock in other corporations.

l) To have offices, conduct its business and promote its objects within and outside of the State of Florida, in other states, the District of Columbia, the territories, possessions and dependencies of the United States, and in foreign countries, without restrictions as to place or amount.

IN GENERAL, to do any or all of the things herein set forth to the same extent as natural persons might or could do and in any part of the world as principal agents, contractors, trustees, or otherwise, within or outside of the State of Florida, either alone or in company with others, and to carry on any other business in connection therewith, whether specifically stated herein or otherwise, and to do all things not forbidden, and with all the powers conferred upon nonprofit corporations by the laws of the State of Florida. To the end that the foregoing objectives and purposes and any related religious and charitable purposes may be carried out, performed and accomplished, this corporation shall have the power to engage only in such activities as shall not constitute business unrelated to its religious, benevolent, charitable, literary, and educational purposes. The enumeration of objects or purposes herein shall not be deemed to exclude or in any way limit by inference any powers, objects, or purposes which this corporation is empowered to exercise, whether expressly by force of the laws of the State of Florida, now or hereafter in

effect, or impliedly by any reasonable construction of said law. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, and contributions to which are deductible pursuant to Section 170(c)(2), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IV CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation is authorized to operate without stock as per the Laws of Florida.

ARTICLE V BEGINNING CAPITAL

The amount of capital with which this corporation will be started has not been determined yet.

ARTICLE VI TERM

The existence of the corporation is to be perpetual.

ARTICLE VII PLACE OF BUSINESS

The office and principal place of business of this corporation shall be 5042 Nautica Lake Circle, Lake Worth, Florida 33463 and the Registered Agent in charge of such office shall be: Diana J. Melendez at 5042 Nautica Lake Circle, Lake Worth, Florida 33463.

ARTICLE VIII
OFFICERS, ELDERS AND MEETINGS

The business of this corporation shall be conducted by its officers, which shall consist of not less than three (3) officers, a president, a vice president, and secretary/treasurer, or a secretary, and a treasurer, all of whom shall be ruling Elders; and such other assistant or administrative officers as are determined by the Council of Elders from time to time. The Council of Elders shall appoint any officers, and the officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Council of Elders; provided, however, that any person dealing with the corporation shall be entitled to rely upon any documents signed in behalf of the corporation by its president or vice-president with its corporate seal thereto affixed and attested by its secretary. The number of officers may be changed from time to time through By-Laws, but shall never be less than three (3). The Council shall hold their annual and special meetings as the By-Laws may provide and may have one or more offices, within or outside of the State of Florida. The manner in which the officers are to be appointed shall be stated in the By-Laws.

The names and street addresses of the First Council of Elders (Directors) and officers of the corporation are:

NAMES, ADDRESSES AND POSITIONS

Diana J. Melendez
President

Pablo L. Melendez Bonilla
Vice-President

Yesenia Rodriguez
Secretary

Helen Fuentes
Treasurer

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Amendments may be amended at any special meeting of the Council of Elders called for that purpose, or at any regular meeting of the Council of Elders; provided, however, that notice of the fact that an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation is to be considered shall be given in writing to the ruling Elders at least one week prior to the date of such meeting. Upon adoption by the Council of Elders, and upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, the amendment shall become effective as to the Articles of Incorporation; provided, however, that no amendment to the Articles of Incorporation shall ever conflict with the purposes and powers of this Church as set forth in Articles II and III hereof.

ARTICLE X MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this corporation shall consist of all persons hereinafter named as subscribers to the Articles of Amendment and all persons who shall meet the following qualifications for membership and who shall be admitted, in the following manner:

1. In order to qualify for membership in this organization a prospective member must accept, believe in, and rely on Jesus Christ for his salvation; must believe that the Holy Bible is the Word of God; must confess his faith in Jesus Christ and give

evidence of his intention to keep his commandments; must commit himself to participate actively in the fellowship of the organization; and must submit himself to the authority of the Council of Elders and the discipline of the organization. Membership is a privilege and the individuals who are members shall affirm the tenets of this organization and the Statement of Faith on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality.

2. The Council of Elders shall determine whether any Applicant for membership meets the foregoing qualifications; and if so, the applicant shall be admitted to membership in the organization.

3. All members should offer evidence, by their confession and their conduct, that they are living in accordance to the rule of faith and conduct of the Holy Bible and the organization's Statement of Faith.

ARTICLE XI COUNCIL OF ELDERS; ELDERS

The affairs of the organization, both spiritual and secular, shall be directed by a Board of Elders which shall be referred to as the Council of Elders and which shall consist of not less than three (3) members who shall be referred to as ruling Elders. The minimum number of ruling Elders may be increased in accordance with the needs of the organization as determined from time to time by the Council of Elders. The ruling Elders themselves must be members of the organization; they must possess the qualifications of Elders as set forth in the relevant teachings of the New Testament and they shall have the duties of Elders as set forth

therein. Subject to the provisions of section 741.07, Florida Statutes, and to any rules or by-laws which may be adopted by the Council of Elders, the ruling Elders of this organization shall be authorized to conduct weddings and funerals. Ruling Elders once set in office shall serve so long as they remain members of the organization unless sooner removed as set forth hereinafter.

The Council of Elders shall appoint such Elders, in addition to the ruling Elders, as may be necessary to properly minister to the membership and carry out the purposes for which this organization is organized. Elders so appointed must possess all of the qualifications of ruling Elders, as set forth in the first paragraph of this Article XI; shall have the duties of Elders as set forth in the New Testament; and once appointed shall serve so long as they remain members of this organization, unless sooner removed as set forth hereinafter.

The initial ruling Elders, as set forth in Article VIII hereof, shall be deemed to have been set in office as of the time these Articles are approved, and filed by the Secretary of State of the State of Florida. Thereafter, in the event of a vacancy on the Council of Elders, whether caused by resignation, removal, death, or expansion of the Council, the ruling Elders then serving shall suggest to the membership of the organization the name of a member (who may be an Elder) deemed to be qualified to serve. If there be no unresolved objection on the part of the membership the member so suggested shall be set in office as a ruling Elder; but if there be an unresolved objection, the ruling Elders shall suggest another name, and the process shall continue until the

vacancy or vacancies shall have been filled.

The Council of Elders will make every effort to act with unanimity; but in any event all actions of the Council of Elders shall be with the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the ruling Elders.

The Council of Elders shall be responsible for the maintenance of scriptural discipline within the organization and its membership, as well as for the maintenance of membership standards. In the event the Council of Elders, after due examination, should decide that a member no longer fulfills the requirements for membership, his membership shall be terminated, and he shall be appropriately notified. Similarly, if the Council of Elders, after due examination, should determine that an Elder or ruling Elder no longer fulfills the requirements for Elders, such Elder shall be removed from his/her position as an Elder or ruling Elder, but not necessarily from his/her membership in the organization, unless he shall also no longer fulfills the requirements for organization membership.

Any decision of the Council of Elders shall be final if approved by President Diana J. Melendez and not subject to appeal to any higher church court or other body.

ARTICLE XII

1. Statement of Our Christian Faith: We believe that God Is the creator of the universe creating both the seen (physical) and the unseen (spiritual) realms and that God is also the giver of life.

2. We believe the Holy Bible is God's word personally spoken by God for mankind for the purpose of revealing who He is and it is without error in all issues to which it speaks. We believe the Holy Bible is the only and infallible rule of faith and conduct.

3. We affirm that the inspiration of the Holy Spirit gives the Bible its canonical authority, and the role of the church is to recognize and affirm this authority. We affirm that our church is subject to the Word of God in their order as in their doctrine.

4. We believe in the Triunity (Trinity), one God in three Persons, consisting of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

5. We believe Jesus Christ is Divine God who came from Heaven to mankind as a man yet retaining the Divinity of God and who while living a sinless life was rejected and betrayed by man to be crucified and die on the cross yet not to remain dead but to resurrect at the third day in accordance with His everlasting divine life.

6. We believe that the death of Jesus on the cross provided complete atonement for all the sins of the world therefor cleansing those who choose to be cleansed from their sin to then receive the Holy Spirit and by receiving the Holy Spirit becoming "Born Again" and being Born Again becoming children of God. Children in the family of God and as children also inheritors in the Heavenly Kingdom of Jesus the Kingdom that is without end.

7. We believe that Jesus is the judge of all of mankind's

thoughts, intentions and actions and that He is just and wise in His judgment. As judge, Jesus will judge the unjust (those who are not covered by the blood of Jesus Christ). He will give of His life, His gifts, and His glory.

8. We believe that Jesus physically rose from the dead, was seen by and interacted with many eyewitnesses including the Disciples and Apostles and that Jesus has now ascended back into Heaven where He originally came from. Jesus is currently seated in Majesty, Power and Authority alongside the Father and He is now Accessible to us in both prayer and Fellowship.

9. We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Psalm 139).

10. We believe that this Statement of Christian Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Holy Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe.

ARTICLE XIII

Statement of Christian Faith on Marriages, Gender and Sexuality

1. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female, complementary genders together

reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. Man and woman are created by God in His image and likeness and they should not reject their biological sex.

2. We believe that the term marriage has only one meaning: the uniting of one biological man and one biological woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-24). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a biological man and a biological woman who are married to each other (I Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5 & Hebrews 13:4)

3. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, homosexual conduct, bestiality, incest and any use of pornography is sinful and offensive to God (Matthew 15:18-20 & I Corinthians 6:9-10).

4. We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of our organization, and to provide a biblical role model to our members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by our church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement of Faith on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality (Matthew 5:16; Philipians 2:14-16; I Thessalonians 5:22).

5. We believe that God is merciful to all sinners. He offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21); Romans 10:9-10 and I Corinthians 6:9-11).

6. We believe that every person must be afforded Compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity (Mark 12:29-31 &

Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of our church.

7. We believe that God has ordained marriage and defined it as a covenant relationship between a man and a woman, and Himself, our organization only recognizes marriages between a biological man and a biological woman.

8. We believe that the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Elders, Ministers, Pastors, Board, Subscribers, Staff, Members, volunteers, and any other person affiliated to the organization shall only participate in weddings and solemnize marriages between one biological man and one biological woman that are members in good standing in this organization. The President should marry only staff members that have been active for at least two years. The other members of the Board should marry only active members of the organization.

9. We believe that the facilities and properties of this organization shall only host weddings between a biological man and a biological woman.

ARTICLE XII SUBSCRIBERS


The name and street address of the subscriber of these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

NAME	CORPORATE ADDRESS
Diana J. Melendez President	5042 Nautica Lake Circle Lake Worth, Florida 33463

No contract or other transaction between this corporation and

any other corporation shall be affected or invalidated by the fact that any one or more of the elders of this corporation is or are interested in, or is an elder or officer, or are elders or officers of such other corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator/subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 20 day of April, 2016. Diana J. Melendez identified herself with Florida Driver's License.


Diana J. Melendez
PRESIDENT

STATE OF FLORIDA }
COUNTY OF DADE } S.S.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, Diana J. Melendez to me well known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged before me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Miami, Dade County, Florida, this 20 day of April, 2016.


NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:



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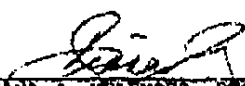
**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes,
the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State
of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the
registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida:

1. The name of the corporation is: DIANA J. MELENDEZ MINISTRIES, INC.

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office
is:

DIANA J. MELENDEZ
5042 Nautica Lake Circle
Lake Worth, Florida 33464


DIANA J. MELENDEZ, REGISTERED AGENT

Date: 4-20-16

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE-
STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THE CERTIFICATE, I
HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO
COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER
AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I ACCEPT THE DUTIES AND
OBLIGATIONS OF CHAPTER 617, FLORIDA STATUTES.

Signature: 

Date: 4-20-16

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