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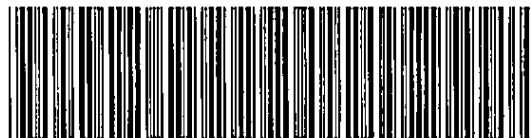
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SUBJECT: REHOBOTH ETHIOPIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF GOD, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

☐ \$70.00  
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☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: J P Simms III  
Name (Printed or typed)

1677 Southside Blvd  
Address

JACKSONVILLE FL 32216  
City, State & Zip

904-725-1234 x114  
Daytime Telephone number

jsimms@rcjax.net  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

# **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**REHOBOTH ETHIOPIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF GOD, INC.**

**A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION**

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **Name and Location of Principal Office**

The name of the Corporation is Rehoboth Ethiopian Evangelical Church of God, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation. Its principal office is located at 1677 Southside Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32216.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **Term**

The Corporation shall exist perpetually until dissolved by due process of law.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **General Purposes**

The General Purposes for which said Corporation is organized are exclusively for charitable, religious, literary, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **Specific Purposes**

The specific purposes for which the Corporation is organized are providing place of worship for its Members, who shall be Members in good standing of the Church of God, Cleveland Tennessee; and conducting the affairs of the Congregation according to the rules and regulations of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee; and specifically the *Minutes of the General Assembly* of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee; promoting the cause of Christianity in accord with the teaching, tenets, and customs of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee;

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receiving, managing, and disbursing gifts, bequests, and other funds for the benefit of the Congregation and the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee; owning and maintaining suitable buildings and facilities necessary for their acquisition, upkeep, maintenance and sale, all in accord with the General Assembly Minutes of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **Corporate Powers**

The Corporation shall have all the powers conferred by the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, which are necessary, incidental, or convenient to the purposes of the Corporation as herein stated.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **Activities Not Permitted**

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its Members, Directors, Trustees, Officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any Candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

- (a) by a Corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code, or
- (b) by a Corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code.

**ARTICLE 7**  
**Dedication of Assets**  
**Dissolution and Distribution of Assets**

Section 1:

The assets of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to the purposes set forth herein.

Section 2:

In the event of dissolution of this Corporation, or in the event this Corporation shall cease to exist, or depart from the polity of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, as expressed in the *Minutes of the General Assembly* of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, and otherwise the assets of the Corporation shall revert to the State Board of Trustees for the Church of God in the State of Florida, their successors and assigns, and if the State Board of Trustees shall cease to exist, then to the Church of God, a Tennessee non-profit corporation, and if the Church of God shall cease to exist, then to one or more organizations described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code. Further, that the proceeds/assets from the disposition must go directly into real property purchases or improvements.

**ARTICLE 8**  
**Management of Corporate Affairs**

(a) **Board of Directors.** The powers of the Corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The Corporation has four (4) Director(s). The number of Directors of the Corporation may be increased or diminished from time to time by the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3). The method of selection of Directors is stated in the Bylaws of this Corporation.

The Directors named herein are the present Board of Directors who shall hold office until the next Meeting of Members at which time an election of Directors shall be held.

Directors elected at the next Annual Meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of one year or until the next Annual Meeting of Members following the election of Directors and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual Meetings shall be held at the Principal Office of the Corporation, or at such other place or places as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting if all Members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the Directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Corporation authorize the Directors to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and address of the present Members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Anbese Tamrat Anbese	5681 Edenfield Rd Apt 315 Jacksonville, FL 32277
Alemayehu Lama	928 Glendale Ln Orange Park, FL 32065
Negussie Dabe	12600 White Cedar Trl Jacksonville, FL 32226
J P Simms III	1677 Southside Blvd Jacksonville, FL 32216

- (b) **Corporate Officers.** The Board of Directors shall elect the following Officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary and such other Officers as the Bylaws of the Corporation may authorize, from time to time, the Directors elect.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **Indemnification**

Every person who now is or hereafter shall be a Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all costs and expenses (including counsel fees) hereafter reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with, or resulting from, any action, suit or proceedings of whatever nature, to which he is or shall be made a party by reason of his being or having been a Director or Officer of the Corporation whether or not he is a Director or Officer of the Corporation at the time he is made a party to such action, suit or proceeding, or at the time such cost or expense is incurred by or imposed upon him) except in relation to matters as to which he shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to have been derelict in the performance of his duties as such Director or Officer. The right of indemnification herein provided shall not be exclusive of other rights to which any such person may now or hereafter be entitled to as a matter of law.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **Membership**

The Membership of the Corporation shall consist of all persons herein named as Directors and all other persons as, from time to time hereafter, as may be received into Membership in accordance with the *Minutes of the General Assembly* of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, as the same now exists or may be hereafter from time to time amended.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **Bylaws**

The Board of Directors of the Corporation may provide such Bylaws for the conduct of the business of the Corporation and the carrying out of its purposes as such Directors may deem necessary from time to time. Upon notice properly

given, the Bylaws may be amended, altered or rescinded by majority vote of the Directors present at any Regular or Special Meeting called for that purpose, subject to any limitations set forth in the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by Members of the Corporation, provided that the proposed amendment does not conflict with these Articles of Incorporation and is in accord with the *Minutes of the General Assembly* of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, as the now exists or may be hereafter from time to time be amended.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **Amendments to Articles of Incorporation**

An amendment to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by any Member of the Corporation, but such amendment may be adopted only after receiving an affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors, and an affirmative vote of a majority of the Members of the Corporation, provided that the proposed amendment does not conflict with these Articles of Incorporation and is in accord with the *Minutes of the General Assembly* of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, as the same now exists or may be hereafter from time to time be amended.

## **ARTICLE 13**

### **Registered Office and Registered Agent**

The name and addresses of the Registered Office and Registered Agent of the Corporation are:

Registered Office: 1677 Southside Boulevard  
Jacksonville, Florida 32216

Registered Agent: JP Simms III  
1677 Southside Boulevard  
Jacksonville, Florida 32216



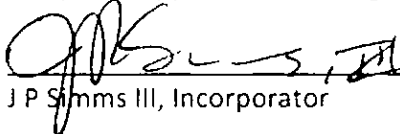
**ARTICLE 14**  
**Name and Address of the Incorporator**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name: J P Simms III  
Address: 1677 Southside Boulevard  
Jacksonville, Florida 32216

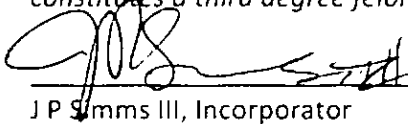
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*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.*

  
J P Simms III, Incorporator

7/10/17  
Date


*I submit this document and affirm that the facts state 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.*

  
J P Simms III, Incorporator

7/10/17  
Date

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed, subscribed and acknowledged these Articles of Incorporation on this 2nd day of July, 2017.

Rehoboth Ethiopian Evangelical Church of God, Inc.

By:   
Anbesse Tamrat Anbesse  
Chairman of the Board of Directors