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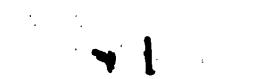
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Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT:	CELEBRATION CHURCH GLOBAL, INC. (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)				
Enclosed is an original a	and one (1) copy of the Art	ticles of Incorporation and	a check for:		
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FROM:	Jonathan T. McCants/Bird Loechl Brittain & McCants, LLC Name (Printed or typed)				

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

CELEBRATION CHURCH GLOBAL, INC.

(A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION)

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation is:

CELEBRATION CHURCH GLOBAL, INC.

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FEGSON

ARTICLE II. AUTHORITY

The corporation is organized pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as amended (sometimes herein, the "Act"). The corporation recognizes the sovereignty of God and the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all things. The corporation shall be governed according to the Holy Bible, and according to the religious beliefs of the corporation. The corporation recognizes God's ordination of the civil authority and the legitimate laws in support thereof. The corporation shall uphold the laws of the civil authority provided said laws are not in conflict with the Holy Scriptures or with the religious doctrines of the corporation as it shall determine, in accordance with its governing documents and applicable law.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSES

The corporation is organized and operates as an association of churches as defined in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (the "Code"). The corporation is organized exclusively for religious purposes (including educational.

charitable, literary and scientific purposes that are related to and also in furtherance of those religious purposes), all within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, including but not limited to:

- (a) establishing, maintaining and supervising church congregations that:
 - (i) minister the Word of God:
 - (ii) conduct regular religious worship services through various forms of ministries;
 - (iii) promote and encourage, through ministries of the church, cooperation with other organizations ministering within the community;
 - (iv) spread the Word of the Gospel by any and all effective means; and
 - (v) disciple believers in the Christian faith;
- (b) overseeing and expanding a local and international association of churches by the direction of the Lord Jesus Christ and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, in accordance with the Holy Bible;
- (c) maintaining local church and missionary facilities to propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ both at home and in foreign lands and to support and send missionaries throughout the world;
- (d) conducting a school for ministers and leaders;
- (e) licensing and ordaining qualified individuals including graduates of ministerial schools:
- (f) collecting and disbursing any and all necessary funds for the maintenance of the Church and the accomplishment its purpose within the State of Florida and elsewhere around the world; and
- (g) making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Subject to the foregoing, the corporation is organized pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as amended.

ARTICLE IV. DURATION

The corporation shall have perpetual duration.

ARTICLE V. RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. No Private Inurement. No part of the net earnings or property of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its 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 III hereof. The corporation shall not have capital stock or shareholders.

Section 2. No Substantial Lobbying and Political Campaigning Restrictions. To the extent prohibited by applicable law, but subject to the protections of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and other laws guaranteeing free exercise of religion and freedom of speech, no substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code), nor shall this corporation 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 the foregoing, the corporation may make the election provided in Section 501(h) of the Code, if at the time associations of churches are permitted to do so.

<u>Section 3</u>. <u>Irrevocable Dedication</u>. The income and assets of the corporation shall be irrevocably dedicated to its exclusive purposes.

ARTICLE VI. DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number. The board of directors shall consist of not fewer than three (3) members, and of not more than a maximum number determined by the bylaws of the corporation as amended from time to time.

Section 2. Powers. The board of directors shall govern the corporation, and shall have all the rights and powers of a board of directors under the laws of the State of Florida and of the United States, as well as such other rights and authority as are herein granted. Such rights and powers shall include, but not be limited to, the power to adopt and amend the bylaws and corporate governing documents other than the Articles of Incorporation by a majority vote (of a quorum, and except where a greater vote is otherwise expressly required), in any way permitted by applicable law, but which is not inconsistent with the Holy Bible, the Statement of Faith, or these Articles of Incorporation.

Section 3. Term and Election. The term of each member of the board of directors shall be as established in the bylaws.

Section 4. Amendment. Unless a greater majority is expressly required herein, the board of directors shall have the power to amend these Articles of Incorporation, by a majority vote of the directors then in office, in any way permitted by applicable law, but which is not inconsistent with the Holy Bible or the Statement of Faith.

Section 5. Initial Directors. The initial board of directors shall consist of seven (7) members, whose names are Charles S. Weems, IV, David Branker, Fitzhugh Powell, Jr., Steve Riddle, Todd Gicalone, Jonathan MacArthur, and Erik Sharpe, each of whom may be reached at the principal office of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII. NO MEMBERS

The corporation shall have no members. The bylaws may provide for membership in the Association by churches with certain rights and privileges as expressed therein, but any such positions created or recognized by the bylaws shall create neither membership in the corporation, nor any entitlement to membership or voting rights in the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII. POWERS

Section 1. General. The corporation shall have all the rights and powers customary and proper for tax-exempt not for profit corporations, including the powers specifically enumerated in Section 617.0302 of the Florida Statutes Annotated, as amended.

Section 2. Restrictions. Subject to Article II, but notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or by a corporation to which contributions are deductible under Section 170(b)(1)(A) or (B) and Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

Section 3. Charitable Trusteeship, Etc. The corporation shall be empowered to hold or administer property for the purposes stated in Article III, including the power to act as trustee.

ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION

Section 1. Dissolution. The board of directors may cease corporate activities and dissolve and liquidate the corporation, by at least a two-thirds' vote of the entire board of directors.

Section 2. Liquidation. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall pay or make provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation from the corporation's remaining funds, and shall thereafter dispose of all of the assets of the corporation (i) exclusively for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, in such manner as the board of directors shall

determine, or (ii) exclusively to or for the use of Celebration Church of Jacksonville, Inc., or such other organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, educational, literary, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3), and shall at the time be described in Section 170(c)(2) of such Code, as the board of directors shall determine.

Section 3. Contingent Provision. If any such assets are not so disposed of, and to the extent that the directors become deadlocked regarding this or any other issue, any such dispute shall be settled by the board of directors of Celebration Church of Jacksonville. Inc.

ARTICLE X. CONTINGENT RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. Contingent Private Foundation Restrictions. In the event that the corporation is determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 of the Code, and only during the period during which such determination applies, notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, this Article X shall apply and the corporation shall: (1) not engage in any act of "self-dealing" (as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code) that would subject the corporation to tax under Section 4941 of the Code: (2) distribute its income for each taxable year for the purposes specified in Article III herein at such time, in such manner, and in such amounts as are necessary to avoid subjecting the corporation to tax under Section 4942 of the Code; (3) not retain any "excess business holdings" (as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code) that would subject the corporation to tax under Section 4943 of the Code: (4) not make any investments that would jeopardize the carrying out of any of the

exempt purposes of the corporation (within the meaning of Section 4944 of the Code) that would subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Code; and (5) not make any "taxable expenditures" (as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code) that would subject the corporation to tax under Section 4945 of the Code.

Section 2. Code References. Each reference in these Articles to a section of the Internal Revenue Code shall be deemed to include the corresponding provisions of any future United States internal revenue law.

ARTICLE XI. REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT; PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Section 1. Registered Office. The name and street address and county of the initial registered agent and registered office of the corporation shall be Lisa Stewart, 9555 RG Skinner Parkway, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida 32256.

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

Date

Section 2. Principal Office; Mailing Address. The initial principal office of the corporation is located at 9555 RG Skinner Parkway, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. The initial mailing address of the current principal office is P.O. Box 551341, Jacksonville, Florida 32255.

Section 3. <u>Changes to Offices and Agents</u>. The board may, by resolution, remove and replace any registered agent, and change any of the offices established in this article.

ARTICLE XII. STATEMENT OF FAITH

The corporation subscribes to the understanding of particular doctrinal matters as set forth by its "Statement of Faith", as provided for in Article 2 of its bylaws. Notwithstanding any other statement to the contrary, that portion of the bylaws, as well as this Article XII, shall only be amended or restated by an affirmative vote of 90% or greater of the directors then in office, and any other provision that conflicts with the corporation's Statement of Faith shall be null and void.

ARTICLE XIII. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Section 1. Limitation. The personal liability is hereby eliminated entirely of any officer or director to the corporation for monetary damages for breach of duty of care or other duty; provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of an officer or director: (i) For any appropriation, in violation of his duties, of any business opportunity of the corporation; (ii) For acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of laws; (iii) For the types of liability set forth in Section 617.0834(1) of the Florida Statutes, as amended; (iv) For any transaction from which the officer or director derived an improper personal benefit; or (v) For any excise tax prescribed by Code Sections 4940 through 4945 for which the individual is liable (but not restricting the corporation from providing insurance in connection with such excise taxes).

Section 2. No Effect on Prior Liability. Such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for any act or omission occurring prior to the date of these Articles of Incorporation when such provision becomes effective.

Section 3. Amendment. Any repeal or modification of the provisions of this Article XIII shall be prospective only, and shall not adversely affect any limitation on the personal liability of any officer or director of the corporation with respect to any act or omission occurring prior to the effective date of such repeal or modification, and must be approved by 90% of the directors present at a duly noticed meeting with a quorum present. In the event of any amendment of the Act to authorize the further elimination or limitation of liability of any Member, officer or director, then the liability of such officer or director of the corporation shall be limited to the fullest extent permitted by the amended Act, in addition to the limitation on personal liability provided herein.

Section 4. Severability. In the event that any provision of this Article XIII (including a clause) is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining provisions are severable and shall remain enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE XIV: INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. <u>Directors and Officers</u>. To the greatest extent allowed by law, the corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding ("Proceeding"), whether civil or criminal, administrative or investigative (whether or not by or in the right of the corporation), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the corporation, against any and all expenses (including, without limitation, advancing such expenses such as attorneys' fees and court costs), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement incurred by him or her in connection with such Proceeding, except for an officer

or director who would not be eligible for limitation of liability under the preceding article.

Such right of indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director

or officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and personal representatives of such

person. Notwithstanding the forgoing, if any past or present officer or director sues the

corporation, other than to enforce this indemnification, such person instituting such suit

shall not have the right of indemnification hereunder in connection therewith. The

corporation is authorized to purchase insurance to provide funds for the indemnification

hereinabove set forth, and, if such insurance is purchased but the proceeds of the same are

not sufficient to cover the cost of indemnification, then the deficiency shall be paid from

corporation funds.

Section 2. Employees and Agents. Without limiting the foregoing, the corporation

may, pursuant to its bylaws or resolution of the Board, provide for indemnification and

advancement of expenses to employees, advisors and/or agents on such terms and

conditions as the board of directors may from time to time deem appropriate or advisable.

ARTICLE XV. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator, who is an American citizen, is:

Jonathan T. McCants Bird, Loechl, Brittain & McCants, LLC

> 1150 Monarch Plaza 3414 Peachtree Road, N.E.

> > Atlanta, GA 30326

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator or attorney for and representative of the incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation, pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

BY:

Jonathan T. McCants, Incorporator

Bird, Loechl, Brittain & McCants, LLC

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