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

Emmanuel Church of God, Inc.

**SUBJECT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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Latisha L. James, Esq.

**FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)

260 North Industrial Drive #740541

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Address

Orange City, FL 32763

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City, State & Zip

386-473-5440

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

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# Articles of Incorporation of Emmanuel Church of God, Inc. (A State Corporation)

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be desirable and in the best interests of this Church and its members that it be incorporated pursuant to the State Non-Profit Corporation Act now, therefore, be it: RESOLVED, that the undersigned acting as incorporators of a State corporation under the State Non-Profit Corporation Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

## Article I Name and Location

The name of this corporation shall be Emmanuel Church of God, Inc. The street address of the principal location of this corporation shall be: 815 Hamilton Street, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168. The mailing address of this corporation shall be: 815 Hamilton Street, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168.

## Article II Duration

The corporation shall have perpetual existence and will commence on the filing of these articles by the Department of State.

## Article III Purpose

The purpose of Emmanuel Church of God, Inc. is

1. For religious worship and conduct religious services in keeping with Evangelical and Pentecostal practices and traditions of Protestant Christianity.
2. To **exalt** the name of Jesus Christ through individual and corporate **worship** means
3. To foster, promote, and spread the teachings and preaching of the Holy Scriptures and the Gospels, and the belief in and of the Lord Jesus Christ as Man's Savior.
4. To **equip** the saints for the works of the ministry through **instruction** means so the body may grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, to become mature disciples, and to fulfill the measure of the stature, which belongs to the fullness of Christ.
5. To advance, promote, publish, spread and propagate the principals and tenants of the Christian Faith: to establish maintain and advance its doctrines and disciplines; to determine and establish rules and regulations in this local church.
6. To **edify** one another through **fellowship** means of encouraging one another and building up the Body into a unity of faith
7. To **evangelize** our community, state, country, and world through **evangelism** means which proclaims the Word of God and calls people everywhere to respond to Jesus Christ through faith
8. To **enable** the Body to fulfill this ministry purpose through the demonstration of wise **stewardship** over the resources God has so faithfully entrusted to this Body of Believers.
9. To secure, acquire, appeal for and solicit funds publicly and privately for the purposes of the corporation.

This congregation is organized as a church exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) including, but not limited to, for such purposes, the establishing and maintaining of religious worship, the building, maintaining and operating of churches, parsonages, schools, colleges, chapels, radio stations, television stations, rescue missions, missionary auxiliaries, print shops, day care centers, camps, nursing and retirement homes, cemeteries, and any other ministries that the elders may be led of God, all of which are established for the benefit of the members of Emmanuel Church of God, Inc. by providing opportunities for spiritual, physical, intellectual, social and cultural development.

#### **Article IV**

##### **Initial Board of Directors**

The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation who will serve until the first election following incorporation are as follows:

1. **Perry Cooper, Jr.- President & Secretary**  
5394 Red Leaf Court  
Oviedo, FL 32765
2. **Yolanda Cooper- Vice-President & Treasurer**  
5394 Red Leaf Court  
Oviedo, FL 32765
3. **Latisha James- Officer**  
260 North Industrial Drive #740541  
Orange City, FL 32763

#### **Article V**

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

The initial registered agent of the corporation is:

Latisha L. James, Esq.  
The Law Office of Latisha L. James  
260 North Industrial Drive #740541  
Orange City, FL 32763

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#### **Article VI**

##### **Incorporator**

The names and residence addresses of the subscribers of these Articles of Incorporation are the same as those in Article IV above.

#### **Article VII**

##### **Tax-Exemption Provisions**

No part of the net earnings of the Church shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its members, elders, officers, staff, or other private persons, except that the Church shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for the services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Church's Constitution.

No substantial part of the activities of the Church shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Church shall not participate in, nor intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

**Article VIII**  
**Conduct of Corporate Affairs**

The conduct of the affairs of the Corporation will be limited as outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Corporation. The powers of the Corporation are to be regulated as outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Corporation. The manner in which directors are elected or appointed will be as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation

**Article IX**  
**Dissolution of Corporate Affairs**

If this Church should ever be dissolved, all of its assets remaining after payment of all outstanding debts and obligations, costs, and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to such nonprofit organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any regulations succeeding said Section. Assets may be distributed only to organizations, which agree with the Church's Doctrinal Statement. Members of said Church, defined in Bylaws, who are members in good standing at the time of the dissolution of the said Church, shall, in a called meeting, designate the religious organization(s) to receive said assets of the Church after dissolution. None of the assets of said Church shall be distributed to any member, elder, officer, or staff of this Church, or any individual.


**Article X**  
**Amendments to Articles of Incorporation**

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting when the members of the Corporation are meeting in conference as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

**Article XI**  
**Qualifications For Membership**

The qualifications for membership in the Corporation and to serve as a director of the Corporation are stated in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Corporation. Directors shall be elected or appointed in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Corporation.

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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.*

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Incorporator

7/20/2020  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Registered Agent

7/20/2020  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date