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Articles of Incorporation of Combee Connections Ministries, Inc., A Florida Not For Profit Corporation

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

COMBEE CONNECTIONS MINISTRIES, INC.

A Florida Not for Profit Corporation

ARTICLE I

These Articles of Incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the incorporator for the purpose of forming a Florida not for profit corporation on a non-stock basis under the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE II: NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this corporation is COMBEE CONNECTIONS MINISTRIES, INC. Its address is 6628 Farris Dr., Lakeland, FL 33811.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSES

The general purposes for which this corporation is organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on

- (a) 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 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 provision of any future United States tax code.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its directors, 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 herein.

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.

The corporation shall further function and operate as a Florida not for profit corporation whose mission is to be an ethnically and culturally diverse organizations whose directors will adhere to Christian convictions. The purpose of this corporation shall be as follows:

- A. To be a source of hope and support for the economically disadvantaged, by filling hearts with the Word of God, feeding people with the blessing of food, and fostering a sense of community through the teachings of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; and,
- B. To carry one the mission of Jesus Christ, so that all may know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who are committed to change their worlds for Christ.

In the accomplishment of this purpose, Combee Connections Ministries, Inc. will (a) obtain, store, provide and serve food for people in need within its community; and (b) through Christian outreach, lead its community to eliminate hunger and foster discipleship.

ARTICLE IV: POWERS

The corporation shall have the power to:

- 1. Have succession by its corporate name for the period set forth in its articles of incorporation.
- 2. Sue and be sued and appear and defend in all actions and proceedings in its corporate name to the same extent as a natural person.
- 3. Adopt and use a common corporate seal and alter the same; provided, however, that such seal shall contain the words "corporation not for profit."
- 4. Elect or appoint such officers and agents as its affairs shall require.
- 5. Adopt, change, amend and repeal By-Laws, not inconsistent with law or its articles of incorporation, for the administration of the affairs of the corporation and the exercise of its corporate powers.
- 6. Increase, by a unanimous vote of its directors cast as the By-Laws may direct, the number of its directors or officers so that the number shall not be less than three (3) but may be any number in excess thereof.
- 7. Make contacts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations and secure any of its obligations by mortgage and pledge of all or any of its property, franchises, or income.
- 8. Conduct its affairs, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by this chapter in any state, territory, district, or possession of the United States or any foreign country.
- 9. Purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise, or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.
- 10. Acquire, enjoy, utilize and dispose of patents, copyrights, and trademarks and any licenses and other rights or interests thereunder or therein.
- 11. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease exchange, transfer, or otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property or assets.
- 12. Purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of

otherwise use and deal in and with, shares and other interest in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit, associations, partnerships, or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States, or of any other government, state, territory, governmental district, municipality, or of any instrumentality thereof.

- Lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.
- 14. Make donations for the public welfare or for religious, charitable, scientific, education, or other similar purposes.
- 15. Have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized.
- 16. Merge and consolidate with other corporations both for profit and not for profit, domestic and foreign, provided that the surviving corporation is a corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE V: PROHIBITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

At any time during which the corporation is a "private foundation" as defined in §509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), it shall:

- (a) Not engage in any act of "self-dealing" as defined in Code §4941(d);
- (b) Not retain any "excess business holdings", as defined in Code §4943(c), which would give rise to any liability for tax imposed by Code §4943(c),
- (c) Not make any investment which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes, within the meaning of Code §4944, so as to give rise to any liability for tax imposed by Code §4944(a);
- (d) Not make any "taxable expenditures" as defined in Code §4945(d), which would give rise to any liability for tax imposed by Code §(a);
- (c) During the period it is a "private foundation" as defined in Code §509, the corporation shall distribute, for the purposes specified in its articles of organization for each taxable year, amounts at least sufficient to avoid liability for tax imposed by Code §4942(a).

ARTICLE VI: PERSONAL LIABILITY

No officer or director of the corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of Combee Connections Ministries, Inc. or any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property or assets of the officers or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII: SCOPE OF OPERATIONS

The territory in which the operations of the corporation are principally to be conducted is the United States of America and its possessions.

ARTICLE IX: COMPENSATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION

No officer or member of the board of directors of the corporation shall receive or be lawfully entitled to receive any pecuniary profit from the operation of the corporation, except actual expenses to or on behalf of said corporation, if authorized by the board of directors. Additionally, the board of directors may fix the amount of compensation to be paid to any officer or member of the board of directors.

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 Code, or the corresponding section of any further United States tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE X: LOCATION AND RESIDENT AGENT

The location of the corporation is in the City of Lakeland, State of Florida. Its principal office shall be located at 6628 Farris Dr., Lakeland, FL 33811. The name and address of its initial Resident Agent and its Registered Office in Florida is Medina Law Group, P.A., a Florida professional association, located at 402 S. Kentucky Ave., Suite 660, Lakeland, FL 33801.

ARTICLE XI: STOCKS

This corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE XII: INCORPORATOR

The name and mailing address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is:

<u>Name</u> <u>Address</u>

Kay F. Kasser 6628 Farris Dr., Lakeland, FL 33811

The incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation hereby assigns to this corporation any and all of her rights to constitute a corporation.

ARTICLE XIII: MEMBERSHIP

The organization will not have any members with the exception of the Officers and Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIV: OFFICERS

- (a) The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided for in the By-Laws adopted by the corporation and as amended from time to time.
- (b) The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation until the 2001 annual meeting of the Board of Directors in accordance with the By-Laws are:

President Kay F. Kasser Secretary Angel Tagaca Treasurer Bill Dodd

(c) The officers shall be elected as provided for in the By-Laws adopted by the corporation and as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE XV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the board of directors. This corporation shall have three (3) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the By-Laws.

- (a) Members of the board of directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the By-Laws.
- (b) The names and addresses of those who are to serve as the initial directors until replaced during an annual meeting of the Board of Directors, are:

Kay F. Kasser 6628 Farris Dr., Lakeland, FL 33811

Angel Tagaca 2221 Buttercup Ct. Lakeland, FL 33801

Bill Dodd 5312 Messina Way, Lakeland, FL 33813

Lee Burkhardt 1932 Griffins Green, Bartow, FL 33830

Lauren Burkhardt 1932 Griffins Green, Bartow, FL 33830

Lucas Simmons 1706 Lagoon Rd., Lakeland, FL 33803

Harry Walter 6628 Farris Dr., Lakeland, FL 33811

ARTICLE XVI: AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the corporation shall be adopted by the directors of the corporation and may be amended and revised as follows:

- (a) The directors of this corporation may provide such By-Laws for the conduct of its business and carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time.
- (b) The By-Laws may be amended as set forth in such By-Laws.

ARTICLE XVII: AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in accordance with Florida law in effect at the time. The procedure to amend articles of incorporation is currently set out in Florida Statutes §617.017.

ARTICLE XVIII: EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually beginning with the execution of these Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I incorporator have hereunto set my hand the purpose of forming this not for p Florida.	KAY F. KASSER, the undersigned subscribing day of hilly, 2020 for brofit corporation under the laws of the State of
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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF POLK))
on behalf of the COMBEE CONNEC	edged before me by means of P physical presence day of October, 2020, by KAY F. KASSER CTIONS MINISTRIES, INC., who is personally, as identification.
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Notary Public, State of Florida

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, §48.091, the following is submitted:

That COMBEE CONNECTIONS MINISTRIES, INC. desiring to organize under laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at the City of Lakeland, State of Florida, as COMBEE CONNECTIONS MINISTRIES, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, has named, MEDINA LAW GROUP, P.A., 402 S. Kentucky Ave., Ste. 660, Lakeland, FL 33801, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

COMBEE CONNECTIONS MINISTRIES, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation

KAY F. KASSER, its Incorporator

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, the Registered Agent hereby agrees to act in this capacity and to comply with the provision of said act relative to keeping open said office. The Registered Agent is familiar with and accept the obligations of Florida Statutes, §617.0501.

Registered Agent:

MEDINA LAW GROUP, P.A.

A Florida professional association

Daniel Medina, Its President