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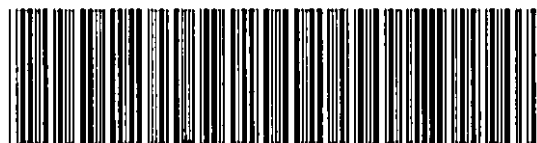
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## COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: Just Church of the Nazarene, Inc.  
(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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Filing Fee &  
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☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Ellis Benton  
Name (Printed or typed)

482 Regal Park Dr.  
Address

Valrico, FL 33594  
City, State & Zip

541-816-7134  
Daytime Telephone number

just.churchfl@gmail.com  
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

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation not for profit pursuant to Chapter 617 Florida Statutes adopt the following articles of incorporation for such corporation.

### Article I

The name of the Corporation is **Just Church of the Nazarene, Inc.** The period of duration of this Corporation is Perpetual unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon the 4th day of January, 2021.

### Article II

The principal place of business of the Corporation is **482 Regal Park Dr., Valrico, FL 33594**, the mailing address of the business is **482 Regal Park Dr., Valrico, FL 33594**.

### Article III

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are as follows:

1. To preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, promote holiness and the worship of God among its members and attendants, and the practice of Christian virtues as admonished by the Holy Scriptures.
2. To employ and discharge ordained, licensed and commissioned ministers of the Gospel, and others, to conduct and carry on divine services at a place of worship, and elsewhere, and to collect and disburse any and all necessary funds for the maintenance of said Corporation.
3. To provide appropriate religious education and training for its members and those attending its church school and other educational meetings and classes.
4. To acquire property whether real, personal or mixed, by purchase, gift, legacy, bequest or in any manner and to borrow money, issue bonds or notes, and all other documents necessary or appropriate in carrying out the objects and purposes set forth in this Article III.
5. To do all and everything necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes or the attainment of any one or more of the purposes herein stated, or incidental to the powers named, or which shall at any time appear conducive or expedient for the promotion of its welfare, and the accomplishment of the purposes herein stated.
6. All of the purposes and powers of the Corporation shall be subject to and in accordance with the government and discipline of the Church of the Nazarene as is from time to time set forth in the official *Manual* of the said Church of the Nazarene (as the parent denomination) published by the authority of the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene.

#### Article IV

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by **Just Church of the Nazarene, Inc. Church Board** which shall consist of not less than three individuals in good standing in the Church of the Nazarene. The number, tenure of office, manner of election and filling of vacancies shall be provided in the By-Laws of the Corporation as stated in the *Manual, Church of the Nazarene, Paragraph 127*.

#### Article V

The street address and city of the initial registered officer of the corporation is **482 Regal Park Dr., Valrico, FL 33594** and the name of the registered agent at such address is: **Ellis Benton, President and Pastor**.

#### Article VI

The officers of the Corporation are the incorporators. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer may be the same person. The manner of election, tenure of office and filling vacancies shall be as provided in the By-Laws of the *Manual of the Church of the Nazarene*. The initial officers of the Corporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
President: Ellis Benton	482 Regal Park Dr., Valrico, FL 33594
Secretary: David P. Ramsey	4720 Cleveland Heights Blvd., Suite 301, Lakeland, FL 33813
Trustee: Dale W. Schaeffer	4720 Cleveland Heights Blvd., Suite 301, Lakeland, FL 33813

#### Article VII

This Corporation is organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the International Revenue Code of 1954 as a subordinate unit under an original group exemption letter issued to The Church of the Nazarene, Inc. at its headquarters in Lenexa, Kansas on July 12, 1963. In the event of the dissolution of the **Just Church of the Nazarene, Inc.** the residual assets of the organization will be distributed by the District Advisory Board of the Florida District Church of the Nazarene as provided by the *Manual of the Church of the Nazarene*.

#### Article VIII

The Corporation shall provide By-Laws for its government not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation, the laws of the State of Florida and the United States, nor inconsistent with the government and discipline of the Church of the Nazarene as may be from time to time provided in the official *Manual* of said Church.

#### Article IX

The terms of admission to membership in this Corporation shall consist of membership in good standing in the ecclesiastical body known as the **Just Church of the Nazarene, Inc.** and each member in good standing in such ecclesiastical body shall by virtue thereof be a member of this corporation. Membership shall be conditioned upon the acknowledgement and acceptance of the

beliefs and tenants of the Church of the Nazarene as detailed in the published **Manual** of the parent denomination.

#### Article X


These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members present at an annual meeting or special meeting called for such purpose provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall be given to the membership in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws and in accordance with any requirements of the Church of the Nazarene as they are from time to time set forth in the official **Manual** of said Church published by the authority of the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene. No amendment or provision shall be made in these Articles of Incorporation that shall allow or cause the property of the local church, as Incorporated to be diverted from the Church of the Nazarene.

The undersigned incorporators of this Corporation have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020.

Signatures of Officers and Incorporators:

President   
Pastor

Secretary 

Trustee 

Federal Employer Identification Number: 85-4278161

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**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT:**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation, at the place designated in this 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 Section 607.325 Florida Statutes.

**Ellis Benton** (pastor's name), Registered Agent

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated 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.

Signed:  Ellis Benton, Registered Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared **Ellis Benton** Pastor and President of the Corporation to me well known or who produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification, to be one of the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged before me, according to law, that he made and subscribed the same for the purposes therein mentioned and set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(month) (year)

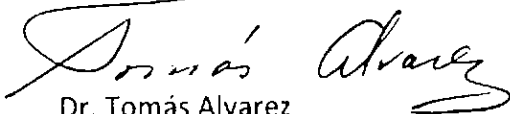
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Notary

SEAL

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON

Before me, Dr. Tomás Alvarez, Notary Public, personally appeared **Ellis Benton**, Pastor and President of the Corporation to me well known and identified with OR Driver License # 2716882, to be one of the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged before me, according to law, that he made and subscribed the same for the purposes therein mentioned and set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

  
Dr. Tomás Alvarez

Notary

