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## FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION

**Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Tampa Inc.**

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**Articles of Incorporation of  
Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Tampa Inc.**

We, the undersigned natural person of the age of eighteen (18) years or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Florida Non-Profit Corporation Act, do hereby adopt the following articles of incorporation for such Corporation.

**ARTICLE ONE**

**Name**

The Name of the corporation is **Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Tampa Inc.**

**ARTICLE TWO**

**Address**

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

3013 Summer Cruise Dr  
Valrico FL 33594

**MAILING ADDRESS**

3013 Summer Cruise Dr  
Valrico FL 33594

**ARTICLE THREE**

**Nonprofit Corporation**

The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation.

**ARTICLE FOUR**

**Duration**

The period of the Corporation's duration is perpetual.

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**ARTICLE FIVE**

**Purpose**

**Corporate Purpose; Powers**

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable and educational within the meaning of the Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future United States' internal revenue law, and such purposes shall include the following:

1. Providing a place of worship and a place of fellowship for those of faith and providing training to the Disciples of Christ.
2. To conduct a local church by the direction of the Holy Spirit and under the leadership of our Lord Jesus Christ as set forth in the Holy Bible, the irrevocable Word of God. Pursuant thereto, the following activities and guidelines shall be established:
  - (a) A recognized Creed, Code of Doctrine, Discipline and Form of Worship shall be established.

- (b) An ecclesiastical form of government shall be established.
  - (c) A church membership based upon acceptance of a recognized creed and belief and support of the church shall be established.
  - (d) Various religious services pursuant to a recognized, creed form of worship, code of doctrine, discipline of the church, and schools for religious and educational instruction to the young and to the old, shall be established as well as home Bible Studies with Life Groups.
  - (e) Sacramental ceremonies such as baptism in water, dedication of infants, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, funeral services and marriage as the bible teaches us, between a natural born man and natural born woman. In fact, marriage is biblical institution established by God as clearly described in the Scriptures. It was first instituted by God in early chapters of Genesis, and codified in the Levitical Law. The Old Testament prophets compared it to a relationship between God and His people. Examples of it are in the historical narratives, and the wisdom literature discusses the unique unity of this relationship. Jesus explained the original intention and core elements of marriage, and several New Testaments Epistles give explicit instructions on this union. As such, the organization views marriage as a profound spiritual institution established by God. Due to the importance of marriage in the biblical witness, the Organization recognizes that marriage is uniting of one natural born man and one natural born woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime as presented in the Holy Scriptures. Therefore, the Organization, its pastors, board of directors, staff and members will not participate in same sex unions or same sex marriage, nor shall its properties or resources be used for such purposes.
3. Spread the Word of the Gospel through seminars, crusades, radio, television, concerts, music production, UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION, MINISTERIO CAPELLANIA INTERNACIONAL, books and literature publications, book stores, newspapers, social networks, street evangelization and mass media in the U.S. and in all the Nations of the World for the purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission.
  4. Church planting and development, order ministers, establish schools for the preparation and growth of pastors, church leaders, deacons, evangelists, prophets, music ministers, counselors, elders and any one that would like to gain knowledge in the holy scriptures and other books related to religions.
  5. As a means of accomplishing the above purposes and methods, the corporation shall have the following powers:
    - (a) To accept, acquire, receive, take and hold by bequest, devise, grant, gift, purchase, exchange, lease, transfer, judicial order or decree, or otherwise, for any of its objects and purposes, any property, both real and personal, of whatever kind, nature of description and wherever situated.
    - (b) To sell, exchange, convey, mortgage, lease transfer or otherwise dispose of, any such property, both real and personal, as the objects and purposes of the Corporation may require, object to such limitations as may be prescribed by law.
    - (c) To borrow money, and, from time-to-time, to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue bonds, debentures, promissory notes, monies borrowed or in payment for property acquired, or for any of the other purposes of the corporation. And to secure the payment of any such obligations by mortgage, pledge, deed, indenture, agreement, or other instrument of trust, or by other lien upon assignment of, or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property, rights, or privilege of the corporation wherever situated, whether now owned or hereafter to be acquired.
    - (d) To invest and reinvest its funds in such stock, common or preferred, bonds, debentures, mortgages, or in such other securities and property real and personal, as it shall deem advisable, subject to the limitations and conditions contained in any bequest, advise, grant, or gift, provided such limitations and conditions are not in conflict with the provisions of

- 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and applicable regulations thereunder, as they now exist or as they may be amended.
- 6. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefits of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in the furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any organization exempt from the federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.  
Section 4.02 notwithstanding any other provision of these articles of incorporation:
- 7. The Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code and regulation as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.
- 8. The Corporation is organized pursuant to the Florida Non-Profit Corporation Act and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit and is organized for nonprofit purposes.

## **ARTICLE SIX**

### **Membership**

The Corporation shall have no voting members

## **ARTICLE SEVEN**

### **Registered Office and Agent**

The street address of the registered office **Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Tampa Inc.**  
and the name of its initial registered agent is:

Dr. J. Israel Montealegre  
2863 SW 69 Court  
Miami FL 33155

## **ARTICLE EIGHT**

### **Directors**

The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is FIVE (5), and the name and address of the person who will serve as the initial Director is:

Title	Name	Address
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD/ PRESIDENT	Lisney Marayi Sanchez Calvino	3013 Summer Cruise Dr Valrico FL 33594

The manner in which directors are elected will be stated in the by-Laws.

## **ARTICLE NINE**

### **Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

Each Director and each officer or former Director or officer of the Corporation may be indemnified and may be advanced reasonable expenses by the Corporation against liabilities imposed upon him or her and expenses reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with any claim against him or her, or any action, suit or proceeding to which he or she may be a party by reason of his or her being, or have been, such Director or officer and against such sum as independent counsel selected by the Director shall deem reasonable payment made in settlements of any such claim, action, suit or proceeding primarily with the view of avoiding expenses of litigation; provided, however, that no Director or officer shall be indemnified:

- a. With respect to matters as to which he or she shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in performance of duty,
- b. With respect to any matters which shall be settled by the payment of the sums which independent counsel selected by the Directors shall not deem reasonable payments made primarily with a view to avoiding expense of litigation, or
- c. With respect to matters for which such indemnification would be against public policy. Such rights of indemnification shall be in addition to any other rights to which Directors or officers may be entitled under any bylaw, agreements, corporate resolution, vote for Directors or otherwise. The Corporation shall have the power to purchase or maintain at its cost and expense insurance in behalf of such persons to the fullest extent permitted by this Article and applicable by law.

## **ARTICLE TEN**

### **Limitation on Scope of Liability**

No Director shall be liable to the Corporation for monetary damages for an act or omission in the Director's capacity as a Director of the corporation, except and only for the following:

- a. A breach of the Director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation;
- b. An act or omission not in good faith by the Director or an act or omission that involves intentional misconduct or knowing violation of the law by the Director;
- c. A transaction from which the Director gained any improper benefits whether or not such benefit resulted from action taken within the scope of the Director's office or
- d. An act or omission by the Director for which liability is expressly provided by statute.

## **ARTICLE ELEVEN**

### **Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purpose within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purpose or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

## **ARTICLE TWELVE**

### **Incorporator**

The name and street address of the Incorporator is:

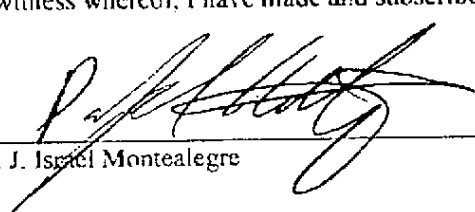
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**Address**

Dr. J. Israel Montealegre

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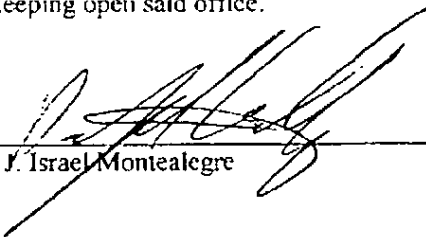
In witness whereof, I have made and subscribed these Articles of Incorporation this 16th day of September, 2021.

  
Dr. J. Israel Montealegre

STATE OF FLORIDA            }  
  } SS:  
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE    }

Acknowledgement

Having been named above as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in the capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said act relative to keeping open said office.

  
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Dr. J. Israel Montealegre