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SUBJECT:	EN MISSION, INC.		
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Enclosed is an original a	nd one (1) copy of the Art	ticles of Incorporation and	a check for:
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FROM:	Brian S. Johnson Name (Printed or typed)		
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	City, State & Zip		
	904-206-2185		
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	thegardenmission@icloud.com		
E	-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)		

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE GARDEN MISSION, INC.

ARTICLE I - NAME

THE GARDEN MISSION, INC.

ARTICLE II – ADDRESS

The address and principle place of business of The Garden Mission, Inc. is:

1779 Tall Tree Drive East Jacksonville, FL 32246

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ARTICLE III - PURPOSES AND PERMITTED ACTIVITIES

This nonprofit Corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

In furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers and authority, however, the corporation shall not be empowered, and is prohibited from, engaging in any activity which is not allowed pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:

- (a) To provide nonprofit international humanitarian ministries to children, widows and anyone else in need. Including, but not limited to, feeding the hungry and clothing the poor.
- (b) Promote and encourage, through the ministry of the Organization, cooperation with other Organizations ministering within the community. By doing so, it may associate and cooperate freely with other nonprofits, churches and missionary organizations and their branches. It shall operate as a free and independent corporation in accord with its own conscience and the wisdom and counsel of God as the corporation perceives to be.
- (c) To educate people on an individual or group basis in agriculture, permaculture, Biblical studies, and general academic education.
- (d) To hold conferences and other events, both in-door and outdoor, for the purpose of drawing people to Christ.
- (e) To adopt and use a corporate seal as needed.
- (f) To adopt and assume any name or names in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes.
- (g) To acquire, own, lease, mortgage and dispose of property, both real and personal, for Organization purposes, as may be necessary for its membership and the worship of God.

- (h) To provide a local place for Christian fellowship for those of like faith and schools for Christian education where the work of the ministry may be accomplished.
- (i) To provide internships for the purpose of training and equipping individuals in agriculture and ministry for the spreading of the Gospel and all other purposes of the Corporation.
- (j) To produce books (audio, digital and paper) and digital teaching series for sale to the general public for the purpose of both imparting spiritual guidance to listeners and readers, as well as funding the ministry.
- (k) To produce t-shirts, hats and other apparel bearing the Corporation's name for the funding of the ministry.
- (l) To train ministers for the work of the ministry and license and ordain such ministers after trained.
- (m) To employ qualified counsel and other necessary personnel to carry out the purposes of the Corporation.
- (n) To travel both nationally and internationally doing the previously mentioned works of this ministry.
- (o) To receive and accept gifts of money and property and to hold the same for any of the purposes of the Corporation and its work.
- (p) To raise and assist in raising funds for the purposes herein set forth, including the issuance of bonds or other instruments of credit.
- (q) To use any and all media, including but not limited to recording, print, television, radio, satellite and internet, in the furtherance of its nonprofit tax-exempt purposes.
- (r) To accept property and donations in trust for religious or charitable purposes.
- (s) To acquire, hold, own, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of shares of the capital stock, bonds, obligations or otherwise dispose of shares of the capital stock, bonds, obligations or other securities of other corporations, domestic or foreign, as investments or otherwise, in carrying out any of the purposes of the Corporation and, while the owner thereof, to exercise all rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the power to vote thereon.
- (t) By its Board of Trustees to appoint such officers and employees as may be decreed proper, define their authority and duties; fix their compensation; dismiss such officers or employees, or any thereof for any good reason and appoint others to fill their places.
- (u) To purchase or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, convoy, occupy, use, and enjoy; manage, improve, develop and work; to grant, sell, exchange, let, demise, and otherwise dispose of real estate, property, buildings, and improvements and every right, interest and estate therein without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated; to construct, alter and repair buildings, to assume any and every kind of contract, agreement and obligation by gift or with any person, firm, corporation, or association, or any federal, state, or other government for the erection, construction, alteration, repair, renewal, equipment, improvement, development, use, enjoyment, leasing management or control of any buildings, improvements or structures of any kind wherever the same may be situated.

ARTICLE IV - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The existence of this corporation is to begin upon the filing of these Articles and shall continue perpetually unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE V -

The Garden Mission, Inc. is not organized for pecuniary gain or profit, nor shall it have any power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any members, directors, trustees or individuals, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay and to be paid a reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Articles hereof.

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 any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal 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 section of any future federal tax code.

In the event of the dissolution of this Corporation, or in the event it shall cease to carry out the objectives and purposes herein set forth, all of the business, property and assets of the Corporation shall go and be distributed to such Non-Profit Corporation qualifying as an Organization exempt under the provisions of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any federal tax code, and as an Organization qualifying as a public charity under the provisions of Section 509 (a)(1) or 509 (a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any superseding statute, as the Directors or Trustees of the Corporation may select and designate; and in no event shall any of said assets or property, in the event of dissolution thereof, go or be distributed to members, either for the reimbursement of any sum subscribed, donated or contributed by such members, or for any other such purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the County in which the principal office of the Corporation is located, exclusively for such purposes, or the Organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VI - TRUSTEE'S POWERS

To assure the corporation of its sovereignty and independence and to perpetually protect the organization, all ecclesiastical and legal power and authority relative to the corporation shall be exercised by and in accordance with the New Testament pattern. Thus, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the Board of Trustees shall conduct all the business of the corporation and shall be the only voting members of the corporation. The business and property of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of 6 Directors (Trustees) initially. The number of trustees may be increased or diminished from time to time, in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. The present Trustees now duly constituted and elected shall constitute the Board of Trustees and they shall hold their offices permanently so far as may be until other or further election. In the event of the inability of any Trustee to act, or in the event of the death of any Trustee, the remaining Trustees shall elect another Trustee, or Trustees, to fill the vacancy or vacancies, thus created. A new Trustee shall be elected by a majority vote of the total Trustees, excluding the Trustee whose position is being filled by vote.

- (a) The Trustees shall have power to hold an annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and may likewise hold special meetings as determined by the Board of Trustees. The annual meeting, if and when held, shall be held at the offices of the Corporation in Jacksonville, Florida on the second Monday of December in each year at the hour of 7:00 P.M. of such day, or as soon thereafter in each year as possible for the Trustees to call such meeting.
- (b) Directors (Trustees) are appointed and/or elected in this Corporation by natural persons of all races, creeds, and colors, who shall publicly profess belief in Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life, and who shall further profess their belief in the purposes of this organization as set forth herein above. The subscribers of these Articles of Incorporation and the initial Directors of this Corporation shall be and constitute the initial members of this Corporation. Any Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be made, altered or rescinded only by the Board of Trustees of this Corporation, having received the vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees in office.
- (c) The Board of Trustees shall have authority and power, which is hereby given, to provide suitable and proper means and religious ceremony and required tests and qualifications for entrance into the ministry of the Organization.
- (d) The private property of the Trustees and members shall be non-assessable and shall not be subject to the payment of any corporate debts, nor shall the Trustees or members of the corporation become individually or corporately liable or responsible for any debts or liabilities of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII - ORIGINAL TRUSTEES

The Garden Mission, Inc. Board of Trustees names, titles and addresses.

President: Kevin Johnson

85136 Floridian Dr

Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

<u>Vice-President:</u> Cynthia Johnson

85136 Floridian Dr

Fernandina Beach, FL. 32034

<u>Directors:</u> Brian Johnson

1779 Tall Tree Dr. E Jacksonville, FL. 32246

Joshua Clifton

8620 Southern Glen Dr Jacksonville, FL 32256

Eric Snow

95043 Colnago Ct.

Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Robert Trice

2234 The Woods Dr. W Jacksonville, FL 32246 ARTICLE VIII - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

Name and address of the initial Registered Agent of The Garden Mission, Inc.

Brian S. Johnson 1779 Tall Tree Dr. E Jacksonville, FL 32246

Brian S. Johnson

ARTICLE IX - INCORPORATOR

Name and address of the Incorporator of these Articles of incorporation are:

Brian S. Johnson 1779 Tall Tree Dr E Jacksonville, FL 32246

Brian S. Johnson

ARTICLE X - EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date for The Garden Mission, Inc. shall be July 7, 2022.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

The corporation reserves the right, within the parameters of the exempt purposes established herein, to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or from now on prescribed by law. Every amendment must be approved by the Board of Trustees, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

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