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February 7, 2023

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

RE:

Articles of Incorporation of Synergy Ministries International, Inc.

Not For Profit Articles of Incorporation

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is in an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Synergy Ministries International, Inc. to be incorporated as a not for profit company in Florida. Please file the original Articles of Incorporation and return a date stamped copy of the Articles of Incorporation along with a Certificate of Status.

I am also enclosing a check in the amount of \$78.75 for the Filing Fee/Registered Agent Designation and Certificate of Status.

Please advise if anything else is needed to incorporate the referenced company.

Respectfully.

Kevin B. Paysinger, Esquire

Enclosure

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF SYNERGY MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.0202, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Corporation is Synergy Ministries International, Inc. (the "Corporation" or "Church").

ARTICLE II

Perpetual Existence

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE III

Organization

The Corporation is organized pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE IV

Tax Exempt Purpose

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for one or more of the following tax exempt purposes:

- 1. Religious, charitable, or educational purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.
- 2. The Corporation shall be organized and operated as a church or as a religious organization that is an integral part of a church, engaged in performing the functions of a church, in furtherance of the above enumerated purposes exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.
- 3. To apply the income, and if the Corporation so decides, the principal, of such property as the Corporation may from time to time possess, in aid of the prior enumerated purposes, including the giving of such income and principal to any other domestic or foreign charitable corporation, association, organization or trust; provided, however, that any such domestic or foreign corporation, association, organization or trust is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious or educational purposes within the meaning of Code Section 501(c)(3) or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code.

With respect to all of the prior enumerated purposes, however, the Corporation shall be subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

a. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 prior enumerated purposes.

No 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

- b. 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 future federal 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 shall be 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 said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.
- e. In the event it is determined that the Corporation is a private foundation within the meaning of Code Section 509(a), then for any such period, the Corporation shall also be subject to the following additional limitations:
- (i) The Corporation shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as to not become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- (ii) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- (iii) The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 (c) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- (iv) The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- (v) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The Corporation shall have and may exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect, or which are conducive to the attainment of, any or all of the prior enumerated purposes, subject to the limitations provided herein and such limitations as are provided by law.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this Corporation.

ARTICLE V Membership

The Corporation is a non-stock corporation and shall have no authority to issue any capital stock. The Corporation shall have no members.

ARTICLE VI

Bv-Laws

The initial By-Laws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the incorporator of the Corporation. The By-Laws of the Corporation shall be known as the By-Laws of the Church and any reference herein to "By-Laws of the Church" shall be synonymous with the term By-Laws. The By-Laws of the Church may be amended, altered, rescinded and new By-Laws may be adopted as provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII

Indemnification

The Corporation shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law as now or hereafter in effect, indemnify all persons whom it may indemnify. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not limit or exclude any rights, indemnities or limitations of liabilities to which any person may be entitled, whether as a matter of law, under the By-Laws of the Church adopted by the Corporation, by agreement, action of the Elder's Council, or otherwise.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the Elders Council, as provided in the By-Laws, provided, however, that any amendment will not adversely affect the status of the Corporation as an organization qualifying for tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or relevant provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE X

Registered Agent

The name of the Registered Agent is Roger Taylor whose address is 8075 Lone Star Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32211.

ARTICLE XI

Principal Office and Mailing Address

The initial mailing address and the principal office address of the Corporation is 8075 Lone Star Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32211.

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<u>ARTICLE XII</u>

Elders Council

There shall be three (3) members of the Elders Council, which shall serve as the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The term "Elders Council" as used herein shall refer to and have the same meaning as "Board of Directors". The number of members of the Elders Council may be increased or decreased from time to time by the Elders Council, except that the number of members of the Elders Council shall never be less than three (3). The method of selection of members to the Elders Council shall be as stated in the By-Laws of the Church.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned execute these Articles of Incorporation on the 19 day of January 2023.

Printed Name of President

Signature ⁶

Printed Name of Vice-President

Ruhele Taylor

SANDRA W Mills Printed Name of Secretary/Treasurer

Signature

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT

Pursuant to Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted: That Synergy Ministries International, Inc. desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office located at 8075 Lone Star Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32211, has named Roger K. Taylor, whose address is 8075 Lone Star Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32211, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

Having been named to accept service of process for the above referenced Corporation, the undersigned does hereby accept the appointment as Registered Agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Roger K. Taylor

Date