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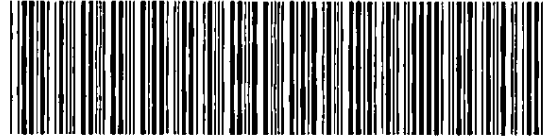
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SUBJECT: The Council of Florida Churches, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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FROM: James Golden, Esq.  
Name (Printed or typed)

4815 11th Avenue E  
Address

Bradenton, FL 34208  
City, State & Zip

941-273-4031  
Daytime Telephone number

james.thegold@go1.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  
OF  
THE COUNCIL OF FLORIDA CHURCHES, INCORPORATED

The undersigned Corporation, "The Council Of Florida Churches, Incorporated" (the "Corporation"), organized and existing under and by virtue of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act (the "Act"), for the purpose of adopting Articles of Incorporation, does hereby submit:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is "The Council Of Florida Churches, Incorporated" The initial address of its principal office is 1 South Cottage Hill Road, Orlando, FL 32805, and the mailing address is Post Office Box 488, Bradenton, FL 34206. The principal office address and mailing address may be changed on any one or more occasions by vote of the Directors as set forth in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE II

The Corporation was formed by Rev. Dr. James Morris, whose address is c/o 1 South Cottage Hill Drive, Orlando, FL 32805, Rev James T. Golden, Esquire, 4815 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Circle East, Bradenton, FL 34208, and Rev. Fr. Charles T. Myers, c/o 1000 Bethune Drive, Orlando, FL 32805.

ARTICLE III

The Corporation commenced its existence upon the filing of the Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Department of State on November 9, 2023, whichever is earlier, and it shall exist perpetually thereafter.

ARTICLE IV

The Corporation is exclusively organized only for any lawfully permissible nonprofit purposes. More specifically the corporation will be to secularly establish a Florida statewide coalition of, and for, faith-based and faith-focused leaders and their members and any other members of organized places of worship where two or more are gathered. The corporation will exist to address, respond to, and to help alleviate the issues of poverty, hunger, illiteracy, racial prejudice, anti-Semitism, jihadism, religious intolerance, gender bias, so-called "Christian nationalism", gun violence, immigration injustice, health care disparities, the underfunding of public education, and any other issues that may arise which impact the public good anywhere in the State of Florida, or anywhere else where these issues may impact the State of Florida...

ARTICLE V

The Corporation shall not issue shares of stock but shall be a membership corporation for any and all persons or entities meeting the criteria as set forth above in ARTICLE IV.

## ARTICLE VI

The Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors as set forth in the By-Laws, and there shall be an initial board of three (3) Directors. The number of Directors of the Corporation may be changed by provisions in, or amendments to, the By-Laws, but the number of Directors shall never be less than three. The initial Directors shall hold office until the appointment of successor Directors, or until their earlier resignation or removal in accordance with the By-Laws and Florida law. Directors shall be appointed in such manner, at such times, and for such terms as are specified in the By-Laws. The following persons shall be the initial Directors of the Corporation, whose names and addresses are:

Rev. Dr. James Morris, whose address is c/o 1 South Cottage Hill Road, Orlando, FL 32805

Rev. Fr. Charles F. Myers, whose address is c/o 1000 Bethune Drive, Orlando, FL 38205

Rev. James T. Golden, Esquire, whose address is 4815 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue E., Bradenton, FL 34208

## ARTICLE VII

The Corporation shall have as its Officers, a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, together with such other Officers as may be specified in the By-Laws. The duties and responsibility of each respective office shall be as stated in the By-Laws. Officers shall be appointed in such manner, at such times, and for such terms as are specified in the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE VIII

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the By-laws shall be vested in the Board of Directors, as set forth in and limited by the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE IX

The registered office of the corporation shall be 1 South Cottage Hill Drive, Orlando, FL 38205, and the registered agent at that address is REV. DR. JAMES MORRIS. Such registered office and agent may be changed by vote of the Directors.

## ARTICLE X

The name and address of the incorporators are:

Rev. Dr. James Morris, whose address is c/o 1 South Cottage Hill Road, Orlando, FL 32805

Rev. Fr. Charles F. Myers, whose address is c/o 1000 Bethune Drive, Orlando, FL 38205

Rev. James T. Golden, Esquire, whose address is 4815 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue E., Bradenton, FL 34208

## ARTICLE XI

Amendment of these Articles of Incorporation shall be accomplished as set forth in the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE XII

No dividends shall be paid by the Corporation and no part of the income of the Corporation shall be distributed to its Directors or Officers, or other persons, except that the Corporation may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and may confer benefits upon persons in conforming with the purposes of the Corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene (which includes the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

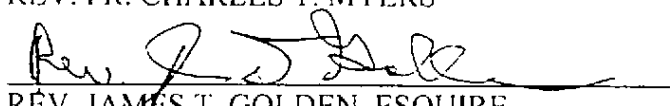
## ARTICLE XIII

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall provide for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, and shall thereafter dispose of all remaining assets of the Corporation exclusively in conformity with the purposes of the Corporation, or to such organization or organizations existing and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Such disposition shall be within the discretion of the Board of Directors and any assets not disposed of in the foregoing manner shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court for Manatee County, Florida, exclusively for the same purposes or to the same qualified organizations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Incorporation are subscribed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

  
REV. DR. JAMES T. MORRIS

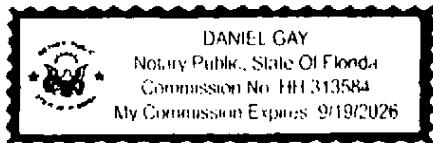
  
REV. FR. CHARLES T. MYERS

  
REV. JAMES T. GOLDEN, ESQUIRE

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF POLK

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by REV. DR. JAMES T. MORRIS, REV. FR. CHARLES T. MYERS, and REV. JAMES T. GOLDEN, ESQUIRE, who personally appeared before me, and are known to me to be the persons described in, and who executed, the foregoing instrument, upon being duly sworn, deposed and said they signed these Articles of Incorporation voluntarily and for the purposes therein stated.



Daniel Gay  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 9/19/2026

**REGISTERED AGENT CERTIFICATE**

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Rev. Dr. James T. Morris  
REV. DR. JAMES T. MORRIS  
12-4-23  
Date

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