

Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
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SUBJECT: St. James African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Inc.
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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Certified Copy & Certificate

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FROM: The Reverend Melvin L. Jenkins, Jr.

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Name (Printed or typed)
2204 North Smith Street

Address

Kissimmee, Florida 34744

City, State & Zip

(407) 847-2671

Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statues, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

### ARTICLE I Name

The name of the corporation shall be: St. James African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; inc. ...

## ARTICLE II Principal place of business and mailing address

The principal place of business is 719 North Bermuda Avenue, Kissimmee, Florida 34741; the mailing address is P. O. Box 421221, Kissimmee, Florida 34742-1221.

## ARTICLE III Purposes

Recognizing and affirming that Jesus the Christ is the Head of the Church, our purposes are:

1) To witness of the saving grace of Jesus the Christ, and through our witnessing towin souls

### for Him;

- 2) To unify and strengthen the body of Zion and the Church Universal;
- 3) To promote spiritual growth and development for the membership.

## ARTICLE IV Manner of election of directors

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is as follows:

The Directors shall be the Board of Trustees and the Pastor in Charge.

In accordance with the Doctrines and <u>The Book of</u>
<u>Discipline</u>, <u>African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church</u>
<u>1992</u>, Chapter IX, Church Property

I. Trustees - Their Election and Duties
Par. 431. Each Board of Trustees...shall consist of not
less than three nor more than 15 persons, one of whom
shall be the Pastor. Persons elected to the Board must
be at least Twenty-one (21) years of age, members in
good standing of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion
Church who have given evidence of their ability, desire
and practice of witnessing to the Gospel of the Kingdom
of God in and beyond their environs; whose obligation
is to uphold-the-laws-and-practices-of the A. M.E. Zion
Church as expressed in the Book of Discipline.

- Par. 432. In all cases where the law of the State or Territory requires a specific mode of election, that mode shall be observed.
- Par. 433. In all other cases, the Trustees, except the Pastor shall be elected annually by the Members of the Church upon the nomination of the Pastor in Charge, who shall nominate one Candidate for each vacancy. In case of failure to elect at the proper time a subsequent meeting may elect, and all the Trustees shall hold their office until their successors are elected.
- Par. 434. ... after the election, the Trustees shall organize their Board by the election of a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Par. 435. ... The (Quarterly) Conference shall have the power to confirm their election, and to remove any of them from causes, when not in conflict with the law of the State of Territory.
- Par. 436. No Trustees shall be rejected while he is in joint security for money unless such relief be given him as is demanded or the creditors will accept.
- Par. 437. In case of a vacancy on the Board of Trustees by death, resignation or otherwise; the Pastor shall call the membership together and proceed to fill the vacancy in accordance with ...forgoing provision.

Par. 438. Sec. 1. It is the duty of the Board of trustees to provide a place of worship and take charge of and protect the Church Property with all of its appurtenances in trust for the membership, and to make such imporvements as may be necessary from time to time for the interest of the Society of which they are Trustees; and to see that order and decorum are at all times observed in the Church, and where there is not a Board of Stewards, to perform the duties therein stated.

Sec. 2. The Trustee Board...shall be required to submit Annual reports as to the amount of insurance coverage on...church properties and the amount of premium paid. Insurance representing an amount not less than replacement value of all real and personal property of (the) church shall be paid on or before the expiration date of each policy.

Par. 439. The Pastor in Charge is ex-officio President of the Board of Trustees.

The above is subject to the General Rules established by The General Conference, the supreme body of the A.M.E. Zion Church, which convenes every four years, having last met in 1992.

## ARTICLE V Limitation of corporate powers

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, unless limited as follows:

The corporate powers operate under The Doctrines and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and are subject to the General Rules established by The General Conference, the supreme body of the A.M.E. Zion Church, which convenes every four years, having last convened in 1992.

### ARTICLE VI Initial registered agent and street address

The name and the street address of the initial registered agent is:

The Reverend Melvin L. Jenkins, Jr. 2204 North Smith Street Kissimmee, Florida 34744

### ARTICLE VII Incorporators

The names and the street addresses of the incorporators for these articles of incorporation are:

Mrs. Annette Burke 2535 Bowmer Drive

Kissimmee, FL 34744

Mr. Joseph Eddie Burke 2535 Bowmer Drive Kissimmee, FL 32744

Rev. Melvin L. Jenkins, Jr. 2204 North Smith Street Kissimmee, FL 34744

Ms. Gloria J. McCrimon 609 South Third Avenue Kissimmee, FL 32741

Mr. Willie G. McGee 144 Igula Drive Kissimmee, FL 34744

Mr. Melvin Quick 8612 Cavendish Drive Kissimmee, FL 34747

Mr. Justin O. Roulston 1401 Avleigh Circle Orlando, FL 32812

Mrs. Joyce B. Warren 413 Tarpon Street Kissimmee, FL 34744 The undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 1st day of May, 1996.

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# CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF SECTION 607.0501 OR 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is:

The St. James African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Inc.

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

The Reverend Melvin L. Jenkins, Jr., Pastor 2204 North Smith Street Kissimmee, Florida 34744

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of procss for the above state corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provision of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

(Signature) (Date)

Registered Agent filing fee \$35.00