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Plorida Secretary of State Corporations Division P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassec, FL 32314

Re:

Articles of Incorporation of

International Congress of Local Churches, Inc.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation of International Congress of Local Churches, Inc. Please file the original Articles and return a file-stamped copy to the undersigned in the self-addressed envelope provided. A check made payable to the "Florida Department of State" in the amount of \$70 is enclosed to cover the cost of filing.

Please call the undersigned if you have any questions in connection with this filing. Thank you for your cooperation and courtesies.

Philip S. Haney of PHILIP S. HANEY ASSOCIATES

PSH/rr Enclosures **

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF LOCAL CHURCHES, INC.

(A Florida Corporation Not for Profit)

The undersigned, acting as Incorporators of a corporation, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

ARTICLE I

CORPORATE NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be:

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF LOCAL CHURCHES, INC.

ARTICLE II

DURATION

The period of duration of this Corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE III

CORPORATE PURPOSES: POWERS

- 1. The purposes for which the Corporation is organized and operated are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law. Such purposes shall include the following:
 - (a) To provide a platform of information and inspiration through which mature, seasoned and fresh voices alike can speak regarding virtually every aspect of church life.
 - (b) To strengthen the local church and its leaders so that the church may arise and fulfill its God-called destiny to disciple the nations.

- (c) To establish and conduct a convention or association of churches for the purpose of providing a spiritual covering and to provide pastoring for pastors.
- (d) To minister the Word of God to the faithful and provide spiritual covering through the direction of the Lord, Jesus Christ and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in accordance with all of the commandments and provisions as set forth in the Holy Bible.
- (e) To conduct religious worship services through various forms of ministry.
- (f) To promote and encourage, through the ministry of the organization, cooperation with and among various churches, pastors, clergy and other ministries so that proper spiritual covering for such organizations can be provided.
- (g) To acquire and hold such property, either real or personal, for spiritual covering purposes, as may be necessary for the conduct of ministry and the worship of God.
- (h) To seek with other churches, religious communities, organizations and ministries a father-one who will speak apostolic government and rule into our lives and the lives of our ministries.
- 2. As a means of accomplishing the above purposes and methods, the Corporation shall have the following powers:
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) To raise and assist in raising funds for the purposes herein set forth, including the issuance of bonds or other instruments of credit.
 - (c) To acquire, own, lease, mortgage and dispose of property, both real and personal.
 - (d) To accept property and donations in trust for religious or charitable purposes.
 - (e) To acquire, hold, own, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, 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.

- 3. In the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation:
- (a) The property of the Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious, educational and charitable purposes, and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to it and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article.
- (b) No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall exist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; nor shall it in any manner or to any extent participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; nor shall the Corporation engage in any activities that are unlawful under applicable federal, state or local laws.
 - (c) The Corporation shall not:
 - (1) operate for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit;
 - (2) accumulate income, invest income, or divert income, in a manner endangering its exempt status; or
 - (3) except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.
- (d) The Corporation's operations are to be conducted principally in the United States of America; the Corporation also may conduct operations in foreign countries, subject, however, to the laws of the State of Florida.

<u>ARTICLE IV</u>

REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The initial street address and mailing address of the principal office and registered office of the Corporation is 1490 Banks Road, Margate, Florida 33065, and the name of the registered agent at such address is Rick Thomas.

ARTICLE V

MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of a Board of Directors which shall have three (3) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by a majority of the directors, but at no time shall there be fewer than three (3) directors of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VI

INITIAL DIRECTORS

The manner in which the Directors of the Corporation shall be elected or appointed shall be governed by the provisions of the Bylaws of the Corporation. The names and street addresses of the initial directors of the Corporation are:

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Street Address

Don Meares

13901 Central Avenue

Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Luther Blackwell

8201 Dennison-Ashtabula Road

Cortland, Ohio 44410

Rick Thomas

1490 Banks Road Margate, FL 33065

ARTICLE VII

CORPORATE NATURE

This Corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE VIII

MEMBERS

This Corporation shall have members and they shall be admitted and qualified in accordance with the Bylaws adopted by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by a majority of the directors in the manner set forth in the Bylaws of this Corporation.

ARTICLE X

INCORPORATOR

The names and addresses of the Incorporators are:

Name	Street Address

Don Meares 13901 Central Avenue Upper Mariboro, MD 20772

Luther Blackwell 8201 Dennison-Ashtabula Road Cortland, Ohio 44410

Rick Thomas 1490 Banks Road Margate, FL 33065

ARTICLE XI

MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on:
 - (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law); or
 - by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law).
- (b) In the event of the dissolution of this Corporation, or in the event it shall cease to carry out the objects and purposes herein set forth, all of the business, property and assets of the Corporation shall go and be distributed to a nonprofit corporation qualifying as an organization exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any superseding statute thereof, 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 thereof, as the 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 or contributed by such trustees, for any other such purpose. Any of 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 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.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporators have executed this Articles of Incorporation.

Incorporator: Don Meares

Incorporator: Luther Blackwell

Incorporator: Rick Thomas

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF BROWARD

I hereby certify that on this day, before me, an officer duly qualified to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Don Meares, Luther Blackwell, and Rick Thomas, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and they acknowledged before me that they executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal in the County and State aforesaid this 22nd day of May, 1996.

MICHELLE L. SCAVONE
COMMISSION & CC 463823
EXPIRES MAY 18, 1990
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ATLANTIC BONDING CO., INC.

Notary_Public

My Commission Expires: MAY 15, 1999

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.325, Florida Statutes, 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:

International Congress of Local Churches, Inc.

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

Rick Thomas, Registered Agent 1490 Banks Road Margate, Florida 33065

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I accept the duties and obligations set forth in Section 607.325, Florida Statutes.

Rick Thomas

Date: May 22, 1996