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May 14, 1998

REV. BENJAMIN PEREZ  
12516 ROCKRIDGE ROAD  
LAKELAND, FL 33809

SUBJECT: MENNONITE HISPANIC CENTER OF CHRISTIAN LOVE, INC.  
Ref. Number: N97000003079

We have received your document for MENNONITE HISPANIC CENTER OF CHRISTIAN LOVE, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$35.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name of the corporation must contain a corporate suffix. This suffix may be: CORPORATION, CORP., INCORPORATED, or INC. Sections 617.0401(1)(a) and 617.1506(1), Florida Statutes, prohibits the use of the word COMPANY or CO. in the name of a non-profit corporation.

The corporate suffix must be added to the corporate name throughout the application.

Page two of the document should read Amended Articles of Incorporation of MENNONITE HISPANIC CENTER OF CHRISTIAN LOVE, INC. The registered agent and registered office listed in the amendment must be the same throughout the document.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6908.

Teresa Brown  
Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 198A00026789

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**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT**  
**to**  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**of**

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MENNONITE HISPANIC CENTER OF CHRISTIAN LOVE, INC.

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*Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.*

**FIRST:** Amendment(s) adopted: (INDICATE ARTICLE NUMBER(S) BEING AMENDED, ADDED OR DELETED.)

Article I - Amended

Article II - Amended

Article IV - Deleted

See Attached Amended Articles of Incorporation

**SECOND:** The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: 1-1-98

**THIRD:** Adoption of Amendment (CHECK ONE)

- ☒ The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.
- ☐ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the board of directors.

Hispanic Center of Christian Love, Inc.

Corporation Name

Benjamin Perez

Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or other officer

Rev. Benjamin Perez

Typed or printed name

Acting President

Title

3-31-98

Date

AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
MENNONITE HISPANIC CENTER OF CHRISTIAN LOVE, INC.  
A Not for Profit Corporation

**ARTICLE I – NAME, ADDRESS AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The name of the corporation shall be “Hispanic Center of Christian Love, Inc.”; whose principal office address is 12516 Rockridge Road, Lakeland, FL 33809, Polk County, Florida. The corporation’s registered agent is Benjamin Perez whose address is the same as the corporation’s.

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

The objectives and purposes of the corporation are dedicated exclusively to charitable work and service to the low-income community. These charitable purposes include assistance to the migrant and farmworker populations in Polk County and surrounding areas.

In order to carry out its objectives, the corporation shall organize, perform, and/or facilitate activities including, but not limited to, the following:

Maintenance of educational programs dealing with issues of concern to the community such as preventative crime efforts, preventative health care issues, and housing issues; and

Facilitation of educational programs involving the local police, state welfare workers, and members of service organizations; and community outreach work and organization of community meetings; and

Provision of legal assistance such as directing low-income members to existing legal service providers and if there is a language barrier, providing interpretation services (Spanish/English), so that the Spanish Speaking community might be able to receive legal advice; and provision of free counseling with regards to emotional and religious needs.

In the furtherance of such purposes, the corporation may receive bequests or contributions, both monetary and in-kind, from anyone, including its own members or beneficiaries of its charitable purposes; and the assets of the corporation, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, are dedicated to the aforesaid charitable purposes.

**ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

There shall be seven members of the Board of Directors. Therefore, one becomes elected to the Board as provided for in the By-Laws. Membership on the Board shall be for a term, the duration of which shall be determined in the By-Laws of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE IV – FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION**

This corporation may engage in the following activities in order to further its existence and financial viability:

A) To Invest the Funds of This Corporation in real estate, mortgages, stocks bonds, or any other type of investment, and to own or rent real and personal property necessary for the accomplishment of the corporation's purposes.

B) In general, to have and exercise all powers conferred by the laws of Florida upon professional service corporations. To do all and everything necessary and proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes of the attaining of any of the objectives, or to further any of the purposes enumerated in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment of them. Further, the Corporation may engage in any activities necessary and incidental to the protection and benefit of the corporation, and in general, either alone or in association with other corporations, firms, or individuals, to carry on any lawful pursuit necessary or incidental to the accomplishment of the purposes or objects of this corporation.

C) The foregoing paragraphs shall be construed as enumerating both objects and purposes of this corporation, and it hereby expressly provided that the foregoing enumeration of specific purposes shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the purposes of this corporation otherwise permitted by law.

#### **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS**

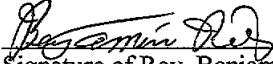
The business of the corporation shall be conducted by and designated by the By-Laws. From the Board of Directors, there shall be elected the following officers:  
President, Vice-President,  
Secretary, and Treasurer

#### **ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

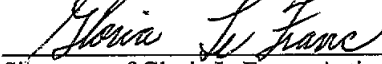
The By-Laws of the Corporation may be made, altered or rescinded at any regular or called meeting of the Board of Directors upon any action by a majority of the Directors present at such a meeting, provided if written notice of such proposed amendment, repeal or new By-Law is mailed to each member of the Corporation at least ten days prior to the meeting. Such action may occur at any regular meeting of at least two-thirds of the Directors present and voting at any duly-held regular or special meeting of the Members at which a quorum is present, where no notice of such proposed amendment, repeal or new By-Laws has been given.

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Florida. Amendments to the Certificate of Incorporation may be

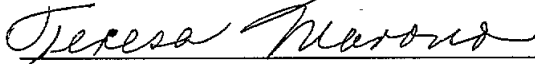
proposed by any member of the Board of Directors and adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Board elected. Amendments may be adopted at any regular or called meeting, provided such amendment has been proposed by resolution at a previous meeting, and opportunity has been given for discussion of it and the resolution has been filed with the Secretary for a period of not less than thirty days, and not more than six months, prior to any vote by the Board of Directors.



Signature of Rev. Benjamin Perez, Acting President



Signature of Gloria LeFranc, Acting Secretary

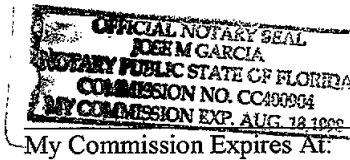


Signature of Teresa Marono, Acting Treasurer

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COUNTY OF POLK

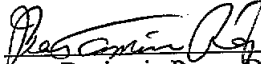
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 9 day of march, 1998, personally appeared **Rev. Benjamin Perez, Gloria LeFranc, and Teresa Marono**, those individuals who signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

  
Notary Public



#### ARTICLE VII – CORPORATE DIRECTORS

There shall be a minimum of three (3) Corporate Directors of this non-profit corporation, as listed herein, and my change at the corporation's discretion, but shall never be less than three. The Corporation Directors and their addresses are as follows:



Rev. Benjamin Perez, Director  
12516 Rockridge Road  
Lakeland, FL 33809  
(941) 858-7607



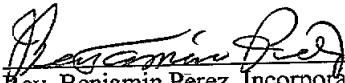
Gloria LeFranc, Director  
12516 Rockridge Road  
Lakeland, FL 33809  
(941) 858-7607



Teresa Marono  
12516 Rockridge Road  
Lakeland, FL 33809  
(941) 858-7607

#### ARTICLE VIII – INCORPORATIONS

There shall be one (1) Incorporator of this non-profit corporation, whose name and address is listed herein, as follows:



Rev. Benjamin Perez, Incorporator  
12516 Rockridge Road  
Lakeland, FL 33809  
(941) 858-7607

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION  
REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 48.091 and 607.0505, 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: **Hispanic Center of Christian Love Inc.**

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

Benjamin Perez  
12516 Rockridge Road  
Lakeland Fl. 33809

SIGNATURE *Benjamin Perez*  
(CORPORATE OFFICER)

TITLE Acting President

DATE 3/31/98

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED 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 PROVISIONS 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 *Benjamin Perez*  
(RESIDENT AGENT)

DATED 3/31/98