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SUBJECT: New Mt. Zion Freewill Baptist Church, Incorporated
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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

☐ \$70.00
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certificate

☐ \$122.50
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☒ \$131.25
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: New Mt. Zion FWBC
Name (Printed or typed)

Post Office Box 2020
Address

Plant City, Florida 33564
City, State & Zip

(813) 737-1004
Daytime Telephone number

Judy Dink
AUTHORIZATION BY PHONE
DATE *10/8/97*
NAME *name of incorporator*
M.C. *me*

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

me 11/3/97



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State

October 9, 1997

JUDY DINK
POST OFFICE BOX 2020
PLANT CITY, FL 33564

SUBJECT: NEW MOUNT ZION FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
INCORPORATED
Ref. Number: W97000023048

We have received your document for NEW MOUNT ZION FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH INCORPORATED and your check(s) totaling \$131.25. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity. Simply adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of a name is not acceptable. Please select a new name and make the correction in all appropriate places. One or more words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

GREATER NEW MOUNT ZION FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH INCORPORATED

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a Corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation;

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be: GREATER NEW MOUNT ZION FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH INCORPORATED. The period of the duration of this corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE II

The principle place of business of this corporation shall be:

3041 East Daniels Road

Plant City, FL 33567

The mailing address of the corporation shall be:

P.O. Box 2020

Plant City, FL 33564

ARTICLE III

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

Resident Agent: Deacon James Dink, Jr.
Resident Office: 801 East McDonald Road
City, State, Zip: Plant City, FL 33567

ARTICLE IV

The number constituting the initial Board of Trustees (Directors) of the corporation is three or more, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve are:

Trustees' Name	Street Address	City	State	Zip
James Dink, Jr.	801 East McDonald Road	Plant City	FL	33567
Judy Dink	801 East McDonald Road	Plant City	FL	33567
John Sanders	1308 Scott Circle	Lakeland	FL	33805

ARTICLE V

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE VI

The purpose for which the corporation is organized are: to operate exclusively for religious, charitable, educational and distinct ecclesiastical purposes 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 thereto, and such purposes shall include the following:

- (a) Religious
- (b) To conduct a local church by 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, the irrevocable Word of God. Pursuant thereto, the following activities and guidelines shall be established:

- i. A recognized Creed, Code of Doctrine, discipline and form of worship shall be established.
 - ii. An ecclesiastical form of government shall be established.
 - iii. Ordination of ministers upon completion of the prescribed course of study designated by this church ministry.
 - iv. An organization of ministers shall be established to minister to the congregation of Greater New Mount Zion Freewill Baptist Church Incorporated.
 - v. Establishment of a congregation membership based upon acceptance of a recognized creed and belief and support of the church.
 - vi. Spread the Word of the Gospel through seminars, radio, television establishment of church literature, and other forms of mass media for the purpose of educating the individual in the Wisdom of God.
 - vii. Establishment of various religious services pursuant to the recognized Creed, form of worship, code of doctrine and discipline of the church and the establishment of Sunday School and religious Schools for Christians and educational instruction to the young and to the old.
 - viii. Establishing a Bible Training School or School of Theology (not considered an accredited educational institution) for the preparation of ministers who minister to Greater New Mount Zion Freewill Baptist Church Incorporated.
- (c) Minister the Wisdom of God to the faithful, and all others.
- (d) Promote and encourage, through the ministry of the organization, cooperation with other organizations ministering within the community.
- (e) To acquire and hold such property, either real or personal, for church purposes, as may be necessary for its membership and the worship of God.

ARTICLE VII

In accordance with and in addition to the powers conferred by the laws of the State of FLORIDA, the Non-profit Corporation shall have the following powers:

- (a) To receive and accept gifts of money and property and to hold the same for any 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 conduct and carry on religious services and instruction through the public media, including electronic broadcasting, AM and FM radio, telecasting, microwave distribution, closed circuit transmission, and cable television.
- (e) To acquire, own and operate such broadcasting and/or telecasting facilities.
- (f) To accept property and donations in trust for religious or charitable purposes.
- (g) 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.

ARTICLE VIII

Greater New Mount Zion Freewill Baptist Church Incorporated is not organized for pecuniary gain or profit, nor shall it have any power to issue certificate of stock or declare dividends, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any members, directors, trustees, or individuals, except that Greater New Mount Zion Freewill Baptist Church Incorporated shall be authorized and empowered to pay and to be paid a reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof. No substantial part of the activities of Greater New Mount Zion Freewill Baptist Church Incorporated shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and Greater New Mount Zion Freewill Baptist Church Incorporated shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) a political campaign.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, Greater New Mount Zion Freewill Baptist Church Incorporated shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by:

- (a) 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,
- (b) A corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) and 509 (a) (1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue law.
- (c) In the event of the dissolution of this corporation, or in the event it shall cease to carry out the objectives and purposes herein set forth, all of the business, property and assets of the corporation shall go and be distributed to such non-profit corporation qualifying as an organization exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c) (3) and 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State, or local government for exclusive public purpose, as the directors or trustees of the corporation may select and designate; and in no event shall any of said assets of property, in the event of dissolution thereof, go or be distributed to members, either for the reimbursement of any sum subscribed, donated or contributed by such members, or for any other such purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the County in which the principal officer of the corporation is located, exclusively for such purposes, or the organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Special provisions authorized or permitted by statute to be contained in the Articles of Incorporation are shown as follows:

ARTICLE IX

This corporation is organized pursuant to the provisions of the FLORIDA Non-Profit Corporation Code. All trustees of this corporation now in good and regular standing, and such other members as the Board of Trustees shall from time to time admit to membership, shall be members of this corporation.

ARTICLE X

The business and property of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of three or more Trustees (Directors). The present trustees now duly constituted and elected shall constitute of the Board of Trustees and they shall hold their offices permanently and so far as may be until other or further election. In the event of the inability of any trustee to act, or in the event of the death of any trustee, the remaining trustees shall elect another trustee, or trustees, to fill the vacancy or vacancies, thus created. Each trustee shall be a member in good standing of the corporation. A new trustee shall be elected by a majority vote and the total trustees, excluding the trustee whose position is being filled by vote.

- (a) The trustees in their collective capacity shall be known as the Board of Trustees and under that name shall constitute the governing body, and shall conduct and transact all business of the corporation.
- (b) The trustees shall have power and authority to hold an annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and may likewise hold special meetings as may be determined by the Board of Trustees. The annual meeting, if and when held, shall be held at the offices of the corporation in Plant City, Florida on the first Monday of September of each year at the hour of 7:00 P.M. of such day, or as soon thereafter in each year as possible for the trustees to call such meeting; and any special meetings may be held at such time as the trustees may determine, and all meetings shall be held at the offices of the corporation in Plant City, Florida.
- (c) The qualifications for members are: There shall be but one class of membership in this corporation. Membership in the corporation may be obtained by natural persons of all racism, creeds, and colors, who shall publicly profess belief in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, and who shall further profess their belief in the purposes of this organization as set forth herein above, and who shall thereafter be accepted into membership in such manner as provided by the Board of Trustees of this corporation. The subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation and the initial Directors of this corporation shall be and constituted the initial members of this corporation. Any amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be made only by the Board of Trustees. Likewise, the By-Laws may be made, altered or rescinded only by the Board

of Trustees of this corporation, having received the vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees in office.

- (d) The Board of Trustees shall have authority and power, which is hereby given, to provide suitable and proper means and religious ceremony and required tests and qualifications for entrance into the ministry of the church, hereby being established and organized and by and through the means as established and administered that any and all applicants may be inducted into the ministry thereby license, commission or full ordination with all church authority possible for any church or ecclesiastical body to give or possess or to administer, giving therein authority to administer all sacred services of ecclesiastical bodies and to include all sacred and sacramental services, and to further include the marriage services and together with the sacred services of baptism.
- (e) The Board of Trustees shall have the authority and power, which is hereby given, to establish, institute, operate and maintain any and all such additional departments, associations, institutions, schools, mission stations, programs, and /or any all such other vehicles as may be deemed appropriate and advisable by said Board of Trustees for the propagation of the Gospel and Christian and religious worship and where within the United States of America and/or in any other country.
- (f) The Board of Trustees of Greater New Mount Zion Freewill Baptist Church Incorporated shall have the power and authority which is hereby given, to negotiate or designate agents to negotiate all of the business transactions, all receipts and all disbursements, for any such additional departments, associations, institutions, schools, mission stations, programs and/or any and all such other vehicles established or instituted by this corporation.
- (g) A majority of the trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction by the Board of Trustees of any and all business, in accordance with the laws of the State of FLORIDA.

ARTICLE XI

The manner in which the directors or trustees of the corporation shall be elected or appointed shall be governed by the provisions of the By-laws of the corporation. The corporation shall be a sovereign body, and the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation shall be governed by the provisions of the By-laws of the corporation.

ARTICLE XII

The Incorporator to these articles is: Deacon James Dink, Jr.
801 East McDonald Road
Plant City, Fl. 33567

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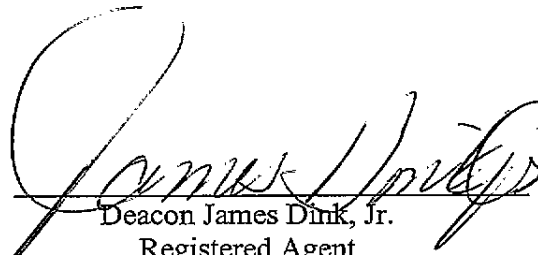
**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS
OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE,
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

In pursuant of Chapter 48,091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said act:

First--that Greater New Mount Zion Freewill Baptist Incorporated, desiring to organized under the laws of the State of Florida, has named Deacon James Dink, Jr., of 801 East McDonald Road, Plant City, FL 33567, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office


Deacon James Dink, Jr.
Registered Agent
Incorporator