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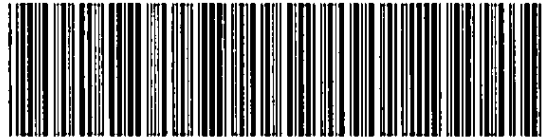
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SUBJECT: JACKSONVILLE MARTHONA CHURCH INC.  
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We have received your document for JACKSONVILLE MARTHONA CHURCH INC. and your check(s) totaling \$43.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The title(s) in the officer/director field(s) is/are not acceptable. Please refer to the following link for acceptable officer/director title information.  
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Octavia L Simmons  
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*Dear Mr. Octavia:*

*Please find attached with corrections and changes suggested. Please accept the same in the files. Thank you.*

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*Lal Varghese*  
*Lal Varghese, Attorney at Law*  
*Dorling.*

**COVER LETTER**

**TO:** Amendment Section  
Division of Corporations

**NAME OF CORPORATION:** JACKSONVILLE MAR THOMA CHURCH, INC.

**DOCUMENT NUMBER:** N98000004208

The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

LAL VARGHESE, ATTORNEY AT LAW

(Name of Contact Person)

LAW OFFICES OF LAL VARGHESE, PLLC

(Firm/ Company)

1111 KINWEST PARKWAY, SUITE 120

(Address)

IRVING TX 75063

(City/ State and Zip Code)

ATTYLAL@AOL.COM

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

LAL VARGHESE, ATTORNEY AT LAW

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(Name of Contact Person)

at (Area Code) (Daytime Telephone Number)

Enclosed is a check for the following amount made payable to the Florida Department of State:

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**Mailing Address**

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Articles of Amendment  
to  
Articles of Incorporation  
of

JACKSONVILLE MARTHONA CHURCH INC.

(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

N98000004208

(Document Number of Corporation (if known))

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this **Florida Not For Profit Corporation** adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

**A. If amending name, enter the new name of the corporation:**

JACKSONVILLE MAR THOMA CHURCH, INC.

*The new name must be distinguishable and contain the word "corporation" or "incorporated" or the abbreviation "Corp." or "Inc." "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name.*

**B. Enter new principal office address, if applicable:**

(Principal office address **MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS**)

8654 GRIFFIS ROAD

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32234

**C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:**

(Mailing address **MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX**)

8654 GRIFFIS ROAD

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32234

**D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address:**

Name of New Registered Agent: ABRAHAM JACOB ABRAHAM

8654 GRIFFIS ROAD

(Florida street address)

New Registered Office Address:

JACKSONVILLE

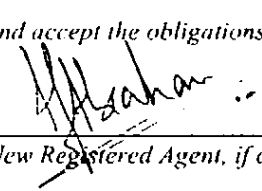
(City)

Florida 32234

(Zip Code)

**New Registered Agent's Signature, if changing Registered Agent:**

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of New Registered Agent, if changing

If amending the Officers and/or Directors, enter the title and name of each officer/director being removed and title, name, and address of each Officer and/or Director being added:

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

Please note the officer/director title by the first letter of the office title:

P = President; V = Vice President; T = Treasurer; S = Secretary; D = Director; TR = Trustee; C = Chairman or Clerk; CEO = Chief Executive Officer; CFO = Chief Financial Officer. If an officer/director holds more than one title, list the first letter of each office held. President, Treasurer, Director would be PTD.

Changes should be noted in the following manner. Currently John Doe is listed as the PST and Mike Jones is listed as the V. There is a change, Mike Jones leaves the corporation, Sally Smith is named the V and S. These should be noted as John Doe, PT as a Change, Mike Jones, V as Remove, and Sally Smith, SV as an Add.

Example:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remove	<u>V</u>	<u>Mike Jones</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add	<u>SV</u>	<u>Sally Smith</u>

Type of Action  
(Check One)

Title

Name

Address

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2) ☐ Change

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**E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:**  
(attach additional sheets, if necessary). (Be specific)

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEETS AMENDING OR RESTATING THE ENTIRE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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The date of each amendment(s) adoption: NOT APPLICABLE, if other than the date this document was signed.

Effective date if applicable: NOT APPLICABLE  
(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

**Note:** If the date inserted in this block does not meet the applicable statutory filing requirements, this date will not be listed as the document's effective date on the Department of State's records.

Adoption of Amendment(s) **(CHECK ONE)**

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

Dated 4.23.2019

Signature [Signature]

(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer-if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator - if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

REV. BIBINE V. MATHEW

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## **AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF JACKSONVILLE MAR THOMA CHURCH, INC.**

I, the undersigned, natural person of the age of 21 years or more, Priest and President of the above said Nonprofit Corporation (Church) incorporated pursuant to the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, do hereby files this amended Articles of Incorporation for the Jacksonville Mar Thoma Church, Inc., a Nonprofit Corporation (Church) under section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, which was approved by the general body of the parish in its duly held meeting on FEBRUARY 10, 2019, in which a majority of the members eligible to vote were present and voted in favor of the amendment.

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Name of the Corporation:**

The name of the corporation is: Jacksonville Mar Thoma Church, Inc.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

Christian worship service in accordance with the faith, practices and constitution of the parent church namely Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church also commonly known as Mar Thoma Church, believed to be founded by St. Thomas, Apostle of Jesus Christ in A. D. 52 in Kerala, India.

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, religious and educational purposes provided for under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986 and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purpose.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) 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 (b) 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).



**ARTICLE III**  
**Membership:**

The corporation shall have members and the qualifications for membership shall be set forth in the by-laws as per the provisions of the parent denomination's constitution.

**ARTICLE IV:**  
**Trustees:**

The method of electing board of directors shall set forth in the by-laws as per the provisions of the parent denomination's constitution.

**ARTICLE V:**  
**Address of Registered Office and Name of Registered Agent:**

The address, including the actual location as well as the postal designation, if different, of the corporation's registered office and the name of the corporation's registered agent are as follows:

Actual Location Address of Corporation:

8654 Griffis Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32234

Name of Registered Agent:

Abraham Jacob Abraham

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Name and Address of Board of Directors:**

The number of trustees constituting the present board of directors is (14) and names, addresses of the directors are as follows:

- |    |  |                          |
|----|--|--------------------------|
| 1) | Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos<br>2320 Merrick Avenue<br>Merrick, NY 11566              | Diocesan Bishop/Chairman |
| 2) | Rev. Bibine V. Mathew<br>2522 NW 92 Avenue<br>Coral Springs, Florida, 33065                | Priest/President         |
| 3) | V. S. Mathew<br>817 NW 108th Street<br>Gainesville, Florida, 32606                         | Vice President           |
| 4) | Abraham Jacob Abraham<br>7635 Timberlin Park Blvd, Apt 624<br>Jacksonville, Florida, 32256 | Secretary                |

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| 5)  | Varghese Phillipose<br>10288 Cypress Lakes Drive<br>Jacksonville, Florida, 32256 | Treasurer                     |
| 6)  | Ajith Varghese<br>102 Astra Way<br>Saint Johns, FL 32259                         | Accountant                    |
| 7)  | Jacob George<br>251 Senegal Drive<br>Jacksonville, FL 32081                      | Lay Leader 1                  |
| 8)  | Johny Johns<br>10521 Lantana Lakes Drive<br>North Jacksonville Florida 32246     | Lay Leader 2                  |
| 9)  | Sangeetha Varghese<br>12683 Arrow Leaf Lane<br>Jacksonville, FL 32225            | Sunday School Representative  |
| 10) | Divya Ajith<br>102 Astra Way<br>Saint Johns, FL 32259                            | Sevika Sanghom Representative |
| 11) | Alice Varghese<br>104 S Arabella Way<br>St Johns, Florida, 32259                 | Choir Representative          |
| 12) | George Cherian<br>251 Senegal Drive<br>Jacksonville, FL 32081                    | Prayer Group Representative   |
| 13) | Alex Varghese<br>12683 Arrow Leaf Lane<br>Jacksonville, FL 32225                 | Other Committee Member        |
| 14) | Sarah George<br>251 Senegal Drive<br>Jacksonville, FL 32081                      | Other Committee Member        |

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Duration of the Corporation:**

The duration of the corporation's existence shall be perpetual.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Laws Under Which Organized:**

The Articles of Amendment is filed pursuant to section 617.1006, Florida Statutes.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Distribution of Assets upon Dissolution:**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets of the corporation shall be distributed as follows:

In the event of dissolution of this corporation, its assets shall be distributed only to organizations that enjoy exempt status in accordance with the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). In the event no such exempt organizations exist or cannot be distributed its assets shall be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government for public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of competent jurisdiction 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.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Not for Pecuniary Gain:**

The corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain, incidental or otherwise.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Effective Date of Corporation:**

The effective date of the Articles of Amendment of the corporation shall be from the date of approval of the filing.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Religious Purpose of the Corporation:**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to worship Lord Jesus Christ as a congregation of the Malankara Mar Thoma Church (parent church), with its headquarters at Thiruvalla, Kerala, India, and is directly under the control of the Diocese of North America & Europe both in temporal and ecclesiastical matters, having its headquarters in Merrick, New York.

It is a Non Profit Religious Corporation mainly formed as a congregation of the parent church to conduct worship services in accordance with the faith and practices of the parent church and also using the liturgy approved by the parent church and not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Non Profit Religious Corporation Law exclusively for religious purposes.

### **ARTICLE XIII**

#### **Faith & Mission of the Corporation:**

To worship the Lord Jesus Christ, conduct other religious sacraments and functions as necessary in accordance with the faith and practices of the parent Church.

To arrange, conduct sacraments, and observances as authorized and required by the faith and practices of the parent church.

To teach the members about the Trinity and the Word of God by conducting Bible study classes, prayer meetings, Sunday School classes etc. based on the teachings of Jesus Christ as revealed through the Bible and the Holy Spirit.

To help the members of the congregation in their spiritual growth, and to nurture their children in the faith and practices of the parent church.

To help the members of the congregation especially the younger generation to understand the importance of liturgical worship and corporate worship according to the Eastern traditions.

To conduct by the congregation or its organizations or prayer groups or to participate in the mission tours organized by the Diocese, parent church or its organizations.

To engage in missionary activities that would enhance not only the spiritual lives of the members of the congregation but also to help the parent church in its efforts for Christian missionary work in India, Mexico, United States, and other parts of the world.

To receive, hold, encumber, manage and transfer both real and personal property in such manner as may be decided by the General Body of the members from time to time, with the approval of the Diocesan Bishop as per the constitution of the parent church.

To publish newsletters, magazines, membership directories both in print and electronic media, blogs, web sites including social media sites, conduct meetings, seminars, conferences both in person and teleconferences including video conferences and any other charitable or religious activities for the spiritual enhancement of the members that are not in conflict with the faith and practices of the parent church.

### **ARTICLE XIV**

#### **Membership:**

The corporation shall have members admitted as per the constitution of the parent church. The general body of the members shall have the sole authority to decide all matters pertaining to the congregation, organizations, prayer groups subject to approval by the Diocesan Bishop. Anyone who believes in Jesus Christ, and in the Trinity, and accepts and follows the faith and practices of parent church may become a member by giving an application signed by the individual or the head of the household and approved by the

Vicar in accordance with the parent church's constitution. The corporation will not practice or permit discrimination on the basis of sex, race, national origin, religion, physical handicap or disability.

#### **ARTICLE XV**

##### **Authority & Powers:**

The corporation shall have through its Board of Trustees, those powers permitted by the general body under the constitution of the parent church, these articles, and by-laws of the corporation and any acts permitted under the law to carry out its purposes including, but not limited to the following matters:

To enter into, make and perform contract of every kind and description.

To borrow or raise funds for any of the purposes of the corporation and from time to time, without limit as to amount, to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange, warrants, bonds, and other negotiable instruments as evidence of indebtedness, and to secure the payment of any thereof and the interest thereon by mortgage upon or pledge, conveyance or assignment in trust of the whole or any part of the property of the corporation, whether at the time owned or there after acquired, and to sell, pledge, or otherwise dispose of such bonds but the said corporation shall not have discount or other banking privileges.

To have one or more officers, to carry on all or any of its operations and business within the limits set by the constitution of the parent church, articles and by-laws of the corporation, and authorized by the General Body.

#### **ARTICLE XVI**

##### **Distribution of Net Earnings:**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of states) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this Corporation.

## **ARTICLE XVII**

### **Supremacy Clause:**

In all ecclesiastical matters the constitution of the parent church shall be binding on the corporation and its members. If there is any conflict between the Articles and by-laws of the corporation with that of the constitution of the parent church, the constitution of the parent church shall prevail. All matters for which there is no specific provision in these Articles or in the by-laws of the corporation, or in the constitution of the parent church, the decisions of the Diocesan Bishop, or the Metropolitan or Episcopal Synod shall be binding on the corporation and its members. The Diocesan Bishop shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all ecclesiastical matters, and his decisions shall be final subject to the appeal to the Metropolitan or to the Episcopal Synod and no legal actions shall be brought against the congregation, its officers, Diocesan Bishop for any matters relating to the faith and practices of the parent church or of the congregation. Regarding temporal matters no legal actions shall be initiated by any members against the congregation, its office bearers, or by any members or congregation or organizations against the Diocese or Diocesan Bishop, Metropolitan, and the parent church until all the administrative remedies have been sought and exhausted as provided under the constitution of the parent church.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Amendments:**

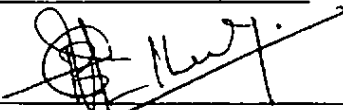
The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in this Amended Articles of Incorporation, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statutes or the constitution of the parent church and all rights conferred upon the members herein are granted subject to this reservation.

## **ARTICLE XIX**

### **Acknowledgment:**

The foregoing Articles of Amendment of Incorporation has been duly approved by the majority of the members eligible to vote in its duly convened general body meeting.

Dated: 4 . 23 . 2019

Signature: 

(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer- if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator – if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

Rev. Bibine V. Mathew

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

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(Title of person signing)