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**THE DOMINICAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

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Florida Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

To whom it may concern:

Enclosed is the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the Dominican Development Group for filing with the Department of State.

Please send us a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$122.50 for the following:

Filing of the Articles of Incorporation	\$ 35.00
Designation of the Registered Agent	\$ 35.00
<u>A Certified Copy of the Articles of Incorporation</u>	<u>\$ 52.50</u>
Check TOTAL	\$122.50

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Thank you.

*C/o DaySpring  
PO Box 661*

*Ellenton, FL 34222*

Sincerely,

*Robert William Stevens*

Robert William Stevens  
Incorporator

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**THE DOMINICAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP, INCORPORATED**

We, the undersigned, with other persons, being desirous of forming a not for profit corporation for religious, charitable and philanthropic purposes, and for the advancement of learning, religion and moral education and for the advancement of the Christian faith, under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes do agree to the following:

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

This organization, hereinafter referred to as the Corporation, shall be known as The Dominican Development Group, Incorporated. %DaySpring, PO Box 661, Ellenton, FL 34222.

**ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE**

The purposes of the Corporation are exclusively religious, charitable, and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any corresponding provision of any prior or future United States Internal Revenue Code. The general charitable purposes of this Corporation are:

1. To support the development of the Dominican Episcopal Church through the provision of technical help and resources, and in the support of Companion Diocese relationships. This will be done by making presentations, preparing promotional materials, writing grant proposals, helping coordinate work and medical teams, raising funds and other activities of a religious and educational nature as may be deemed necessary and desirable to further the charitable and religious objectives of the Corporation;
2. To cooperate with the companion dioceses of the Dominican Episcopal Church, and with other parishes, dioceses, and charitable, religious and educational organizations to this same end.

In addition, the Corporation shall exercise all of the rights, powers and privileges afforded corporations not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida as they presently exist and may hereafter be amended, including, but not limited to, the right to acquire by purchase, lease, gift or otherwise real and personal property of whatever nature or description, including choses in action, wherever situate, and to hold, possess, enjoy, mortgage, alienate and dispose of the same in accordance with law and the Bylaws of the Corporation and to serve as Trustee in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code.

### **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. The membership of this Corporation shall consist of the Board of Directors as elected from time to time.

Section 2. A class of membership designated as Dominican Partners may be established by the Board of Directors consisting of persons or organizations who are desirous of furthering the objectives of the Corporation. Such members shall participate in the affairs of the Corporation as provided for in the Corporation's Bylaws.

### **ARTICLE IV. TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This Corporation shall begin existence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, State of Florida. This Corporation shall exist perpetually.

### **ARTICLE V. INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator to execute these articles is:

Dr. Robert William Stevens, 4805 Ft. Hamer Rd., Parrish, FL 34219

## **ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The business affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The number of directors and the method of their election shall be set in the Bylaws of the Corporation but shall not be less than three (3). Each member of the Board and replacements on the Board, shall be elected to that position by members of the sitting Board itself. The Bishops (or his/her appointee) of the Companion Dioceses shall be ex officio members of the Board with vote. Elected Directors shall serve a four year staggered term as set forth in the Bylaws. Provisions for the removal of a Director shall be as provided for in the Bylaws.

Section 2. The names and addresses of the initial members of the Board of Directors are:

Ex officio Members with vote:

The Rt. Rev. Robert Jefferson Hargrove, Jr., 335 Main, Pineville, LA 71360

The Rt. Rev. Julio C. Holguín K., Calle Santiago #114, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

The Rt. Rev. John B. Lipscomb, 201 4<sup>th</sup> Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

The Rt. Rev. William J. Skilton, 126 Coming, Charleston, SC 29413-0127

Diocesan Members:

The Rev. Don Leger, 924 Anthony Avenue, Opelousas, LA 70570

The Rev. Patricia P. McIlwain, 507 Garrand Drive, Temple Terrace, FL 33617

Mrs. Calhoun Walpole Perkins, 2147 Coker Avenue, Charleston, SC 29412

The Rev. Margarita Santana, Calle Dr. Teófilo Ferry #75, La Romana, Dominican Republic

At-large Members:

The Rev. J. Hugh Majers, Evangelism Officer, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017

Mr. David Morrow, 11805 WCR56, Midland, TX 79707

Ms. Jacqueline M. Robe, 8106 River Shore Drive, Tampa, FL 33604

## **ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEES**

There may be an Executive Committee whose membership and duties shall be set forth in the

Bylaws of the Corporation. Other committees shall be established from time to time by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. BYLAWS**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall adopt such Bylaws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its objectives as it deems necessary.

Section 2. Bylaws may be adopted, amended, altered or rescinded by a two-thirds majority vote of all members of the Board of Directors upon notice in writing setting forth the content of such proposed action.

#### **ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the Board of Directors at a special meeting called for such purpose or at the Annual Meeting of the Board and if approved by a two-thirds majority of all members it shall be and form a part of these Articles of Incorporation upon the approval thereof by the Department of State of the State of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE X. REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The initial registered office of this Corporation is located at DaySpring Episcopal Center, 8411 25<sup>th</sup> Street East, Parrish, FL 34219. This Corporation designates Robert William Stevens at said registered office as the initial Registered Agent for this Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE XI. NONPROFIT STATUS**

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual or member, nor shall the Corporation engage in any conduct which would jeopardize its ability to be recognized or remain recognized as a Corporation not for Profit under the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, 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 objectives set forth in Article II.

**ARTICLE XII. RESTRICTIONS**

This Corporation shall not have or issue shares of stock. No person, firm or corporation shall ever receive any dividends or profits from the undertaking of this Corporation. No substantial part of the activity of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, including the publishing or distributing of statements.

**ARTICLE XIII. DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of this organization, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the 1986 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, to the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic or its successor. 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 organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes. None of the assets will be distributed to any member officer, director or trustee of this corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned incorporator, have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1998, for the purpose of forming this Corporation not for Profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

Robert William Stevens

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been designated to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation, at the address 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.

Robert William Stevens  
Robert William Stevens  
Registered Agent

Dated: *October 27, 1998*

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