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SUBJECT: MiamiDade Area Seventh Day Adventist Church Reform Movement, International Missionary Society INC.  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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

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FROM: Rigoberto Olmo  
Name (Printed or typed)

2648 Atlantic Ave  
Address

Opa Locka FL 33054  
City, State & Zip

305-687-7333  
Daytime Telephone number

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Katherine Harris  
Secretary of State

February 10, 1999

RIGOBERTO OLMO  
2648 ATLANTIC AVENUE  
OPA LOCKA, FL 33054

SUBJECT: MIAMI DADE AREA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH  
REFORM MOVEMENT, INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY, INC.  
Ref. Number: W99000003301

We have received your document for MIAMI DADE AREA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH REFORM MOVEMENT, INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent.)

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

Please return the original and one copy of 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) 487-6923.

Doris McDuffie  
Corporate Specialist Supervisor

Letter Number: 699A00005853

**Nonprofit Articles of Incorporation For MiamiDade Area  
Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement, International Missionary Society, Inc.**

The undersigned incorporation, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, for the purpose of forming a religious organization in the State of Florida as a Nonprofit Corporation pursuant to chapter 617, Florida Statutes, hereby certify and adopt the following Nonprofit Articles of Incorporation.

**Article I: Name**

The name of this religious organization in the State of Florida is Miami Dade Area Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement, International Missionary Society, Inc.

**Article II: Principal Office and Territory**

**Section 1.. Principle Office.** The principal office of this religious organization is 2648 Atlantic Ave. Opa Locka Florida 33054. The mailing address is 2648 Atlantic Ave. Opa Locka Florida 33054.

**Section 2. Territory.** The territory of action of this religious organization is Dade County and adjacent counties.

**Article III: Purposes**

**Section 1. Administrative Purpose.** This religious organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Section 2. Spiritual Purpose.** This religious organization shall seek to carry out the gospel commission of Jesus Christ which includes preaching, education, counseling, healing, works of mercy and humanitarian service to individuals, families, and the community at large according to the Holy Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, and the 1925 Principles of Faith, with a doctrinal emphasis on the faith of Jesus, the commandments of God, and a vegetarian lifestyle.

**Section 3. Use of Funds.** No part of the net earnings of this religious organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that this religious organization 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 these Nonprofit Articles of Incorporation hereof. No substantial part of the activities at this religious organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence any nonreligious Legislation, and this religious organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Nonprofit Articles of Incorporation, this religious organization shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in the furtherance of the purposes of this religious organization.

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**Section 4. Properties & Expansion.** This religious organization shall also solicit and receive charitable contributions from its members and the general public, acquire own, use, buy, sell, and otherwise dispose of real property, any other personal property exclusively for charitable, religious, or educational-related activities, and establish or organize other church units or groups, interchurch organizations, and/or association of churches in Hillsborough and adjacent counties.

**Section 5. Duration.** The duration of this incorporation is perpetual.

#### **Article IV: Membership**

**Section 1. Prerequisite Steps.** Any person may request membership into this religious organization granted they give public profession of belief in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are committed to living according to the Ten Commandments, adopt a vegetarian and monogamous lifestyle, pay faithful tithes and offerings, and practice the 1925 Principles of Faith.

**Section 2. Acceptance.** Acceptance into this religious organization as member shall be by baptism and right hand of fellowship, or by letter transfer from another local church of this same denomination. Members may only be baptized and/or accepted by Elders, Ministers (Pastors), or Bishops (Conference Presidents). Those persons who have already been baptized in the Seventh-Day Adventist faith may also be accepted by the right hand of fellowship without the need of baptism.

**Section 3. Dismissal.** The Board or membership by a majority vote retain the right to deny acceptance of any prospective member into this religious organization. They also retain the right to discipline, censure, or exclude any member of this religious organization who continually violates one of the Ten Commandments, after the Bible rule of Matthew 18:15-20 has been followed. Immediate discipline, disqual or disfellowship is indicated in the case of open immorality such as fornication, adultery, sodomy, or rebellion.

**Section 4. Membership Obligations.** Members of this religious organization shall attend weekly Sabbath services, follow a vegetarian and monogamous lifestyle, pay a faithful tithe, pray and read their Holy Bible every day, hold morning and evening worship in their homes, witness to others about the gospel, contribute free-will offerings, and live a moral, ethical, and holy life for the glory of God, their own well-being, and as a testimony to the world.

**Section 5. Membership Rights.** Members of this religious organization may vote at yearly meetings become officers, serve on the Board, participate in all church-related services and activities, lead out in Sabbath School classes, preach during divine services, and perform all other tasks as are customary to church membership. Each member is entitled to a tax-exemption contribution receipt for the amount of their charitable contributions to this religious organization.

## **Article V: Officers**

**Section 1. Elections.** This religious organization shall hold democratic elections of officers and directors once per year. A duly appointed officer of the Field or Union Conference will supervise the elections. Only members who are not under church discipline may vote. Elections may be conducted using a nominating committee or voting may be performed directly from the floor with a quorum of members present. Each member is entitled to only one vote. Voting may be done with a raising of hands, or by absent ballot. There shall be no proxy vote allowed or absent ballots accepted. All decisions shall be made by the majority vote of the members present and shall be recorded in the minutes by the Secretary.

**Section 2. Officers.** The minimum officers elected shall be Elder or Leader which will serve as President, Deacon which will serve as Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sabbath School Superintendent, and Missionary Leader. Other officers may also be elected, as need, during the annual elections meeting of all members as stated in the Bylaws. Delegates will also be elected by this religious organization's members at the rate of 1 per 10 members to represent it at the biennial Field Conference Delegation Session. All terms shall be for one year with no term limits to office.

**Section 3. Board.** The Board or directors shall consist at a minimum of President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board or directors shall be elected as stated above in Article V, Section 1., of this Nonprofit Articles of Incorporation and as otherwise stated in the Bylaws. It shall meet at a minimum of once per year or as needed. Meetings shall be called by the President or by the agreed request of at least two other members of the Board. Decisions shall be made by the majority of vote of Board members and in case of a tie vote, the President holds the right to cast the tie-breaking vote.

**Section 4. President.** An Elder, Minister, or Leader shall serve as President, chairperson of the Board, and Leader of this religious organization providing spiritual guidance and caring for the interest of all its members. He or she is automatically a voting member of the Board. He or she is to schedule and lead out in Sabbath liturgical services. His or Her signature shall appear on all bank accounts of this religious organization.

**Section 5. Vice-President.** The Vice-President or Deacon shall assist the President in administrative work and represent the President when delegated by him or her.

**Section 6. Secretary.** The Secretary or Scribe is to take and keep minutes of all assembly sessions and Board meetings of this religious organization. He or she is automatically a voting member of the Board. He or she shall also maintain correspondence with members and interested persons or institutions as needed. He or she shall keep record of membership list and property inventory. He or she shall file a report with the Field Conference at least twice per year with a membership status summary.

**Section 7. Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall maintain all financial business and records of this religious organization in accordance with Board decisions. He or she is automatically a voting member of the Board. He or she shall give a detail financial statement, income and expenses, and assets and liability report of this religious organization at least once per year. His or her signature shall appear on all bank accounts of this religious organization. He or she shall forward their tithe, Sabbath School offerings, and Week of Prayer offerings to the Field or Union Conference. Sabbath second service offerings, poor fund, and any other offerings shall be retained and used as needed by this religious organization.

**Section 8. Sabbath School Superintendent.** The Sabbath School Superintendent shall lead out in the Sabbath School, appoint teachers to conduct the Sabbath School lessons, and coordinate the ordering of the Sabbath School lessons with the Secretary and/or Treasurer.

**Section 9. Missionary Leader.** The Missionary Leader is to formulate and implement plans, projects, and programs for missionary, family, and/or health-related work for the benefit of members of this religious organization, and the community at large. He or she shall seek to involve as many members as possible in missionary proselytizing activities.

#### **Article VI: Corporate Powers**

**Section 1. Limited Powers.** The officers and directors or Board members of this religious organization shall have limited corporate powers as stated in section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, Robert's Rules of Order, Bylaws, and/or otherwise specified in the latest edition of the Church Manual issued by the General Conference of this denomination.

**Section 2. Hierarchy of Authority.** This religious organization and incorporation shall be subordinate to and subject to the authority of the Boards and delegates in session of the Field Conference, Union Conference, and General Conference of this denomination, respectively.

**Section 3. Rebellion.** Members or officers of this religious organization which rise up by disregarding the contents of these Nonprofit Articles of Incorporation, or display an open rebellious attitude and behavior against the belief and practices of this religious organization, and/or seek supporters in such actions, shall be removed from office and shall be disciplined or disfellowshipped by this religious organization after due warning is given.

#### **Article VII: Registered Agent**

The name and address of the initial registered agent is the Missionary Director: Rigoberto Olmo at 2648 Atlantic Ave. Opa Locka Florida 33054.

### **Article VIII: Incorporators**

The names and street addresses of the initial incorporators and officers to these Nonprofit Articles of Incorporation are listed below.

- Missionary Director of this religious organization shall be:  
Rigoberto Olmo 2648 Atlantic Ave. Opa Locka FL 33054
- Secretary of the religious organization shall be:  
Amada I Mejia 2742 SW 5 St. Miami FL 33135  
Director
- Treasurer of the religious organization shall be:  
Elsa Argueta 1800 SW 9 St. Miami FL 33135-5102  
Director

### **Article IX: Amendments**

**Section 1. Articles.** Any amendments to these Nonprofit Articles of Incorporation can only be made with the consent and presence of an Elder, Minister, or Bishop of this denomination, with a majority vote of this religious organization's membership, and during a yearly or extraordinary meeting with a quorum of the members present.

**Section 2. Principles of Faith.** Amendments to the 1925 Principles of Faith can only be made by a majority vote of the delegates in session of the General Conference World Assembly of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement, International Missionary Society.

### **Article X: Dissolution**

In the case of dissolution of this religious organization, all assets, properties, and monies become the property of the Field Conference or of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement American Union, International Missionary Society--a New Jersey Non-Profit Corporation established in 1927, who's national headquarters are located at 2877 Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, California, 90255, U.S.A. Said assets shall be permanently dedicated and distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Elder and President of this religious organization as undersigned incorporator has executed these Nonprofit Articles of Incorporation this Thursday, Seventh Day of January of 1998.

  
Missionary Director Rigoberto Olmo

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Friday, February 12, 1999

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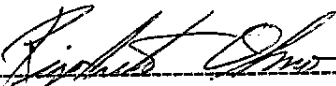
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**MIAMI DADE AREA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH REFORM MOVEMENT,**  
**INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY, INC**  
**REF. NUMBER W99000003301**

I, Rigoberto Olmo, hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent.

  
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Registered Agent  
Rigoberto Olmo  
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Opa Locka FL. 33054