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Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314-6327

Dear Madam:

Enclosed is a petition for a new corporation called First Haitian Baptist Church. This is a new congregation affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, Florida Baptist Convention, and the South Florida Baptist Association.

If there are questions about this petition, please contact this office.

Thank you for all that you do for the great state of Florida.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Roberts

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Articles of Incorporation

of

First Haitian Baptist Church of Lakeland, Florida, Inc.

(A Corporation Not for Profit)

We, the undersigned incorporators, all being of legal age and competent to contract, do hereby associate together for the purpose of organizing a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida and do hereby make, subscribe, acknowledge, and file these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is: First Haitian Baptist Church of Lakeland, Florida, Inc.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of this corporation is to proclaim to all peoples the good news that Christ is the way of salvation; to magnify God through the preaching and teaching of the Holy Bible; to promote individual and collective divine worship; to provide opportunities for training, service, fellowship, and Christian growth; to administer the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; to care for the physical and spiritual needs of persons; to strengthen and uphold the moral fiber of its members and society in general; and to subscribe to the doctrinal statement of *The Baptist Faith and Message* as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1973.

ARTICLE III

Every person who believes in repentance toward God and has faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and lord, and who is willing to confess Him publicly as Lord and King, to follow Him in baptism by immersion, and to observe the ordinances of Christ and be governed by His laws, is qualified and eligible for membership in said corporation. The manner of admission to membership in said corporation shall be by letter of recommendation from other churches of like faith and order, by profession of faith and baptism, or by statement of faith as hereinbefore provided according to the policies of said corporation, upon a favorable majority vote of the membership of said corporation present at any meeting of said

Church. The present membership of the First Haitian Baptist Church of Lakeland, Florida (unincorporated) and those hereafter admitted to such membership shall constitute the membership of this corporation.

ARTICLE IV

The corporation shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE V

The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a board of directors. Such management will be subject to the approval of the church and composed of not less than three members, and the said board of directors shall be elected from and by the membership of said corporation. In addition, the membership of said corporation shall elect the following officers—president, vice president, secretary- treasurer—who shall be members of the board of directors. All legal instruments of the corporation shall be signed by the president or vice president, sealed with the corporate seal, and attested by the secretary, or in such other manner as may be authorized by the bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI

The names and addresses of the officers and directors, who subject to the bylaws and these Articles of Incorporation shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified, shall be:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Office</i>
Jean Jacques Vaillant 804 W. 7 th St., #A-20 Lakeland, FL 33805	President and Director
Longwis Vilsaint 804 W. 7 th St., #B-4 Lakeland, FL 33805	Vice President and Director
Emock Augustin 610 N. Texas Ave. Lakeland, FL 33815	Secretary-Treasurer and Director

ARTICLE VII

The names and addresses of the subscribers of these Articles of Incorporation who shall be members of the corporation are:

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF POLK

Notarized Jean Jacques Valliant signature only

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20 day
of July, 1999, by , who is personally known to me and who has
produced FDL V453470323710 as identification.



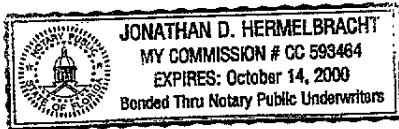
Heather Sparks
MY COMMISSION # CC729814 EXPIRES
March 31, 2002
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

Heather Sparks
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF FLORIDA AT LARGE

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF POLK

Notarized Louis Vilsaint signature only

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16 day
of July, 1999, by , who is personally known to me and who has
produced FLDL V425-520-79-137-0 as identification.



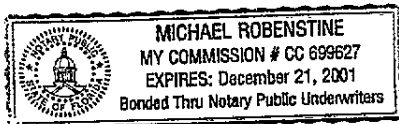
JONATHAN D. HERMELBRACHT
MY COMMISSION # CC 593464
EXPIRES: October 14, 2000
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

Jonathan D. Hermelbracht
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF FLORIDA AT LARGE

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF POLK

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16th day
of July, 1999, by , who is personally known to me and who has
produced Heather Sparks as identification.
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MICHAEL ROBENSTINE
MY COMMISSION # CC 699627
EXPIRES: December 21, 2001
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

Michael Robenstine
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF FLORIDA AT LARGE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
Jean Jacques Vaillant	804 W. 7 th St., #A-20 Lakeland, FL 33805
Longwis Vilsaint	804 W. 7 th St., #B-4 Lakeland, FL 33805
Emock Augustin	610 N. Texas Ave. Lakeland, FL 33815

ARTICLE VIII

The original bylaws of this corporation shall be made and adopted by the members by a majority vote thereof. Thereafter the Articles of Incorporation may be amended and the bylaws amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular business meeting of the corporation or at any special meeting called for that purpose as provided by the bylaws of the incorporation.

ARTICLE IX

The street address of the initial principal office of this corporation is 315 Idaho Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33801-6178, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation is Jean Jacques Vaillant whose residence address is 804 West 7th Street, Apt. A-2D Lakeland, Florida 33805.

In witness whereof, we the subscribers above named, as the incorporators of **First Haitian Baptist Church of Lakeland, Florida, Inc.**, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 16 day of July, 1999.

I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities of Registered Agent.

Jean Jacques Vaillant
Jean Jacques Vaillant - Registered Agent /Incorporator

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