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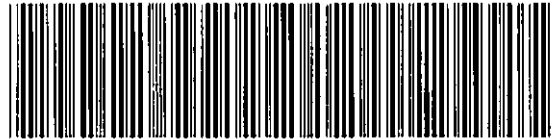
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TO: Amendment Section
Division of Corporations

NAME OF CORPORATION: Maitland Apostolic Church of Jesus, Inc

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

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Edwin G. Whittaker, Sr.
(Name of Contact Person)

Maitland Apostolic Church of Jesus, Inc
(Firm/ Company)

3429 JuJube Drive
(Address)

Orlando FL 32810
(City/ State and Zip Code)

ElderWhitt27@gmail.com
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Edwin G. Whittaker, Sr. at 407 - 342 - 8247
(Name of Contact Person) (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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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$35 Filing Fee | <input type="checkbox"/> \$43.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status | <input type="checkbox"/> \$43.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy (Additional copy is enclosed) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$52.50 Filing Fee Certificate of Status Certified Copy (Additional Copy is Enclosed) |
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Articles of Amendment
to
Articles of Incorporation
of

Maitland Apostolic Church of Jesus, Inc
(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

N99 000006044
(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:

NA *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)

N/A

C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:
(Mailing address MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX)

N/A

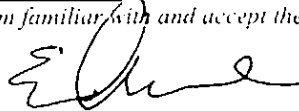
D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address:

Name of New Registered Agent: Edwin G. Whittaker, Sr.
3429 JWube Drive
(Florida street address)

New Registered Office Address: Orlando, Florida 32810
(City) (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:

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

<u>Type of Action</u> (Check One)	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1) <input type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Add	<u>V</u>	<u>Sylvia J Scott</u>	<u>1711 Fords Ave</u> <u>Martland FL 32151</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remove			
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Add	<u>D</u>	<u>Joyce Washington</u>	<u>1720 Bgez Ct</u> <u>Virginia Bch, VA 23464</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remove			
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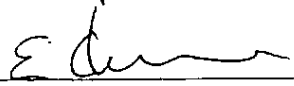
E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:

(attach additional sheets, if necessary). (Be specific)

☒ 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 12/9/21

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)

Edwin G. Whittaker, Sr.
(Typed or printed name of person signing)

President
(Title of person signing)

ENNIS LEON JACOBS. JR.

ATTORNEY AT LAW
P. O. BOX 1101
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32302

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT

November 8, 2021

Willie Scott, Jr.
4319 Sedgewyck Circle
Portsmouth Virginia. 32703

Also:
3429 JuJuBe Dr
Orlando, Florida. 32810

RE: THE MAITLAND APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF JESUS, INC., MAITLAND,
FLORIDA.

Dear Mr. Scott, Jr.:

I have been retained as counsel by the Board of Trustees of The Maitland Apostolic Church of Jesus, Inc. to advise and offer legal assistance in the enforcement and governance of the corporate authority at the Maitland Apostolic Church of Jesus, Inc. in Maitland, Florida.

This letter is specifically directed to you regarding your conduct and actions purportedly in assuming authority and exercising control over the financial and administrative affairs of the Maitland Apostolic Church of Jesus Orlando congregation.

BACKGROUND

The Maitland Apostolic Church of Jesus, Inc (hereinafter "MACJ"), is a private, nonprofit corporation, governed by a sitting Board of Trustees. All actions to govern the affairs of the MACJ and its members are only authorized when taken by the MACJ Board of Trustees.

Bishop Cleveland Clark was among the initial founders of MACJ, and was duly appointed as the founding Pastor in 1963, and served until June, 2020. For all of the years during which Bishop Clark served as minister, he further served on the Board of Trustees, and as President of the Board. Throughout the history of his tenure on the Board of Trustees, Bishop Clark fully and completely recognized and, adhered to the authority of the Board of Trustees and the corporate governing body of the MACJ. In fact, he was the legal registered agent of the corporation. Bishop Clark followed legal and spiritual protocol to submit actions for the governance of the MACJ and its members to the Board of Trustees for official action.

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For much of his tenure, Bishop Clark served as Senior Pastor of MACJ, and was recognized as an "Overseer." There is no official office of "Overseer" in the governance of MACJ. It has been an unofficial designation of respect and spiritual loyalty which was associated with Bishop Clark in view of his history and stature with the MACJ. Again, the Board of Trustees is the governing body of the MACJ, and Bishop Clark has been the executive and spiritual leader of the MACJ since its inception, under the authority of the Board of Trustees.

Bishop Clark became gravely ill in 2019, at which time he was ninety (90) years old. He gave a valiant effort to maintain his duties as the executive and spiritual leader of the MACJ. It became increasingly obvious that his physical health was severely restricting his capacity to do so. In or about June, 2020, members of the Board of Trustees approached Bishop Clark to discuss his retirement. As a result of these discussions, a full church meeting of the MACJ congregation was held in which the full church sat as a committee of the whole to consider the tenure of Bishop Clark as the Senior Pastor. In this meeting, a consensus decision was reached, including the consent of Bishop Clark, that he would resign immediately. At this same meeting Edwin Whitaker, Jr, an ordained elder of the MACJ, and member of MACJ for more than twenty-four (24) years, was appointed as interim Senior Pastor. Effective November 8, 2021, Mr. Whitaker, Jr.'s appointment is affirmed by the MACJ Board of Trustees.

ILLEGAL CONDUCT

On or about October 8, 2021, you requested two individuals associated with the MACJ to meet you at a BB&T Bank in the local Maitland area. Under your direction and insistence Guanzella Scott, who was the Recording Secretary of the Board, and Financial Secretary of the MACJ congregation, and additionally Charles Reed, the Treasurer for the MACJ Board of Trustees, met you at a BB&T Bank. Under your direction and insistence a deposit account for MACJ was opened at BB&T. At this meeting, under your direction and insistence, Mr. Reed issued a check drawn on the MACJ official Wells Fargo bank account in the amount of \$100 to open the BB&T account as a depository account of MACJ. On this BB&T account, you are listed as an official signatory, along with Ms. Scott and Mr. Reed.

On October 10, 2010, under your direction and insistence, Mr. Reed issued a check drawn on the MACJ official Wells Fargo account in the amount of \$7,647.28. This represented the full balance then in the MACJ official Wells Fargo Account. Upon reason and belief, this check was then deposited into the BB&T account.

The Board of Trustees of MACJ did not authorize or consent to any of the financial actions described above. They were taken with no notice to the MACJ Board of Trustees, and with no authority delegated from the Board. While Mr. Reed was the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, he did not have any authority to act unilaterally without action by the Board. The

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official position of my clients, the Board of Trustees of the MACJ, is that these funds were stolen.

In addition to these actions, you made a demand to gain access to a safe deposit box owned by the MACJ Board of Trustees at the Wells Fargo Bank. That request was refused. You did however acquire a key to the post office box owned by MACJ. You further attempted to take actions to affect the positions and status of various officers and officials of the MACJ congregation. Your conduct has occurred in full view, and in some cases in the presence of congregants in the MACJ, and has resulted in unfortunate estrangement within this congregation.

Please be informed that it is the position of the MACJ Board of Trustees that you did not have, and currently do not have any authority to exercise any governance, or ministerial duties with respect to the MACJ, or to engage in, or serve in an any leadership capacity. I have been informed that you maintain that Bishop Clark issued a letter purporting to grant you some manner of authority. If any such letter exists, it has no legal basis or authority regarding the governance of the MACJ, and is an illegal intrusion into the authority of the Board of Trustees of the MACJ.

You are hereby commanded to **IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST** any and all actions to exercise any authority, control or governance of the Maitland Apostolic Church of Jesus, Inc. nonprofit corporation, the MACJ congregation, or any MACJ assets or property, either by you directly or by associates of yours acting on your behalf. You are commanded to immediately return and submit to my office all funds removed from the MACJ Wells Fargo bank account. You are further commanded to **IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST** engaging in any activity, correspondence or communications to any individual or organization which implies or directly states that you exercise any authority, control or governance of the Maitland Apostolic Church of Jesus, Inc. nonprofit corporation, the MACJ congregation, or any MACJ assets or property of the congregation..

Failure to comply with the commands stated herein within fourteen (14) days of your receipt of this letter, or any violation of the edicts will result in a civil legal action against you individually, to include an action for civil theft. If the action(s) in violation of this notice is/are by an associate, I will gather any and all evidence needed to support a sworn complaint for conspiracy against that associate.

If there is a pressing need for you to provide any information to, or contact the Maitland Apostolic Church of Jesus, Inc., you may do so through my office. Feel free to contact me at (850) 491-2710, to answer any questions you might have. I thank you for your attention to this matter. Please govern your self accordingly.

Sincerely,

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Ennis Leon Jacobs, Jr.

Attorney for Maitland Apostolic Church of Jesus, Inc.