

# STATE OF GEORGIA

## Secretary of State

Corporations Division

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Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1530

### CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

I, **Brian P. Kemp**, the Secretary of State and the Corporation Commissioner of the State of Georgia, hereby certify under the seal of my office that

**Swahili Evangelical Refugee Fellowship, Inc.**  
a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation

has been duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia on **02/08/2018** by the filing of articles of incorporation in the Office of the Secretary of State and by the paying of fees as provided by Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the City of Atlanta  
and the State of Georgia on **03/30/2018**.



Brian P. Kemp  
Secretary of State

# **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

## **of**

### **Swahili Evangelical Refugee Fellowship, Inc.**

We, the undersigned, of full age, for the purpose of forming a religious, non-profit corporation organized pursuant to the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, do hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the undersigned incorporators held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017, in Clarkston, GA, did associate ourselves as a body corporation and did adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### **ARTICLE 1**

The name of the corporation is SWAHILI EVANGELICAL REFUGEE FELLOWSHIP, INC.

#### **ARTICLE 2**

Our vision is to exist as an evangelical fellowship of followers of Jesus Christ who worship in the Swahili language with a passion to grow in obedience and faith and a desire to transform the refugee communities around us.

#### **ARTICLE 3**

The corporation is organized pursuant to the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

The street address and principal mailing address of the registered office is 751 North Indian Creek Drive #322 Clarkston, GA 30021. The registered agent at such address is Daniel Zagami. The county of the registered office is DeKalb.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### **ARTICLE 6**

The names and addresses of the incorporators, which constitute the first Church Leadership Committee of this corporation, are:

Ecilu Salum, President  
3781 N Decatur Rd #D, Decatur, GA 30032  
Issa Mpenda, Secretary  
751 N Indian Creek Dr #354, Clarkston, GA 30021  
Makete Asende, Treasurer  
751 N Indian Creek Dr #455, Clarkston, GA 30021  
Balongelwa Mlumba  
751 N Indian Creek Dr #231, Clarkston, GA 30021

Daniel Zagami  
751 N Indian Creek Dr #322, Clarkston, GA 30021  
Ba'welwa Amisi  
751 N Indian Creek Dr #340, Clarkston, GA 30021  
Leonard Mkossa  
751 N Indian Creek Dr #344, Clarkston, GA 30021  
Jeanne Mwilemo  
1606 Post Oak Dr #F, Clarkston, GA 30021  
Mateso Eshimonwe  
3759 N Decatur Rd #A, Decatur, GA 30032

## **ARTICLE 7**

The corporation will have members. Any person who gives scriptural evidence of the saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, is baptized and subscribes to the Statement of Faith (See EXHIBIT A), and completes and adheres to the standards of the Church Membership Covenant and membership class (See EXHIBIT B), shall be eligible to be Members in this corporation.

## **ARTICLE 8**

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 5 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 statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. 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, or is not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## **ARTICLE 9**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, its property shall be applied and distributed as follows: (1) all liabilities and obligations of the Corporation shall be paid and discharged or adequate provision shall be made therefore; (2) pursuant to a plan adopted by the board of directors, assets shall be transferred or conveyed to one or more domestic or foreign corporation, society, or organization that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Code and are engaged in activities substantially similar to those of the corporation. 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 10**

The Swahili Evangelical Refugee Fellowship, Inc. shall be a church that is pastor-led. The Church Leadership Committee shall act as the governing authority by providing spiritual guidance, setting its major policies, and exercising responsibility for its business and activities.

The officers of this corporation shall be the Lead Pastor and members of the Church Leadership Committee, unless otherwise provided by the Bylaws of this corporation. The terms of office shall be a period as designated by the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE 11**

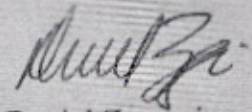
The Bible shall be the rule and guide of faith as set forth in the Statement of Faith (See EXHIBIT A).



## ARTICLE 12

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation will be guided by the leadership of the Lead Pastor in cooperation with the Church Leadership Committee, at any regular or special business meeting. Upon consideration and completion of recommended changes, an amendment will be presented to the church for revision.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.



Daniel Zagami  
Incorporator

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## **EXHIBIT A**

### **Statement of Faith**

Having been led by the Holy Spirit to receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and having professed our faith, and having been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we affirm our desire to enter into covenant with one another as one body of Christ.

We Believe:

1) The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Psalm 145:8; Exodus 34:6; Numbers 14:18)

2) God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

3) Jesus came to give us abundant, joyful, and eternal life. (John 10:10-17; 15:11; 5:24)

4) Jesus laid down His life for us that we may have forgiveness of sins, and God raised Him from the dead. (Romans 5:1-8; Acts 2:38-39; Acts 10:34-43)

5) We are saved by grace, and nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Ephesians 2:4-10; Romans 8:39)

6) The Holy Spirit imparts Christ's life, unites disciples to God, interprets Jesus' teaching, imparts His peace, and gives gifts to be used in service. (John 14:16, 17, 26, 27; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

7) The church is the body of Christ with Jesus as the head and God's spirit dwells in us. (1 Corinthians 12:27; Colossians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 3:16)

8) In loving the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind and our neighbor as ourselves. (Matthew 22:37-40)

9) In making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything Jesus commanded. (Matthew 28:18-20)

10) All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

11) In engaging in spiritual disciplines and habits in obedience to Jesus' example and teaching so we may all grow into maturity in Christ. (Ephesians 4:13-16; Colossians 2:28)

12) We are called to be witnesses of God's love and grace in Jesus, locally and globally. (Acts 1:8; Matthew 25:31-46)

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **Swahili Evangelical Refugee Fellowship of Atlanta New Member Covenant**

#### **Covenant Membership**

A covenant is a formal agreement between two parties with each assuming some obligation.

Covenant membership in the Swahili Evangelical Refugee Fellowship represents a significant commitment to following Jesus and taking part fully in the life, ministry, and fellowship of the church. Jesus is the head of the church, but the vitality and strength of His body depends upon the participation and involvement of the members.

#### **Membership Responsibilities**

Covenant members will be given an opportunity to reaffirm their commitment annually.

The following signs are an indication that one is fulfilling their responsibilities as covenant members of the Swahili Evangelical Refugee Fellowship:

- 1) I will attend worship regularly. (Psalm 100; Colossians 3:1-17)
- 2) I will continue to grow toward full devotion to Jesus and His mission in all aspects of one's life. (Philippians 2:1-11; Luke 2:52)
- 3) I will use my spiritual gifts, time, and talents to participate in some form of ministry or service. (1 Corinthians 12 & 14; Ephesians 4:7-16)
- 4) I will pray for our church, the pastor and the leaders. (1 Timothy 2:1-3; Ephesians 6:18-20)
- 5) I will practice and demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit in all circumstances, especially in times of difficulty or conflict. (Galatians 5:22-26; Ephesians 4:25-32)
- 6) I will demonstrate a desire to cultivate loving relationships, a willingness to work for the peace and unity of the Swahili Evangelical Refugee Fellowship, and an attitude of grace and mercy in all interactions with others. (1 Corinthians 13; John 13:34-35; Colossians 3:12-15; James 2:8, 13; Romans 12:16-18)
- 7) I will give generously, cheerfully, and regularly to financially support the Swahili Evangelical Refugee Fellowship and its ministries. (2 Corinthians 9:6-13; Malachi 3:8-10)

I agree with the Vision, Mission and Statement of Faith and commit myself to the responsibilities of the Covenant Membership as described above.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_



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Secretary of State

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**TRANSMITTAL INFORMATION FORM  
GEORGIA PROFIT OR NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

**IMPORTANT:** Please provide the entity's primary email address when completing this form.

Primary Email Address: daniel.zagami@gmail.com

NOTICE TO APPLICANT: PRINT PLAINLY OR TYPE REMAINDER OF THIS FORM

1. 15227689

Corporate Name Reservation Number (if one has been obtained; if articles are being filed without prior reservation, leave this line blank)

Swahili Evangelical Refugee Fellowship

Corporate Name (List exactly as it appears in articles.)

2. Daniel Zagami

Name of Person Filing Articles of Incorporation (Certificate will be mailed to this person at email address listed below.)

751 North Indian Creek Dr Apt #322

Address

Clarkston

City

GA

State

30021

Zip Code

daniel.zagami@gmail.com

Filer's Email Address

641-990-7245

Telephone Number

3. Daniel Zagami

Name of Registered Agent in Georgia

751 North Indian Creek Dr Apt #322

Registered Office Street Address in Georgia (Post office box or mail drop not acceptable for registered office address.)

Clarkston

City

DeKalb

County

GA

State

30021

Zip Code

daniel.zagami@gmail.com

Registered Agent's Email Address

4. Mail the following items to the Secretary of State at the above address:

- 1) This transmittal form;
- 2) The Articles of Incorporation; and
- 3) Filing fee of \$100.00 payable to Secretary of State. Filing fees are non-refundable.

I certify that a Notice of Incorporation or Notice of Intent to Incorporate with a publication fee of \$40.00 has been or will be mailed or delivered to the official organ of the county where the initial registered office of the corporation is to be located. (The clerk of superior court can advise you of the official organ in a particular county.) I understand that the information on this form will be entered in the Secretary of State business entity database, and I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

*Daniel Zagami*  
Signature of Authorized Person

02/06/2018

Date

Daniel Zagami

Print name