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OUR JOURNEY CHURCH, INC.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
OUR JOURNEY CHURCH, INC.,**

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

**ARTICLE I
CORPORATE NAME**

The name of the corporation is:

OUR JOURNEY CHURCH, INC.,

**ARTICLE II
CORPORATE ADDRESS**

The principle place of business and street address of the Corporation is:

816 E. Alfred Street
Tavares, Florida 32778

**ARTICLE III
DURATION**

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE IV
GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES**

Section I – General Purpose

OUR JOURNEY CHURCH, INC., is a not-for-profit, non-denominational Christian organization, based in Pentecostalism. As a faith-based, community-oriented organization, we offer spiritual guidance and support, biblical counseling, education, and social services to the public. Our mission is to reach the forgotten spiritual nature of man through the teaching of the Living Word of God by example, thus drawing man into a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This will be accomplished by meeting the needs of man as a whole (spirit, mind, and body) through biblical counseling, education, and social

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services in order to help man better cope with personal and social issues as he becomes aware of his true and Godly purpose in life.

It is a Christian organization who ministers to all persons helping them worship God, have fellowship, food, shelter, pre-school and adult education and instruction in the love of Jesus Christ. We are a community focused on preaching the word of God while also providing teaching material for pastors, churches, fellowship groups and conduct seminars to help strengthen the Body of Jesus Christ here and around the world.

Said corporation will govern itself and conduct its own affairs according to the New Testament Scriptures. This right shall include such matters as the hiring of the pastor and employees, election of the Board of Directors and officers, the acceptance and discipline of its members, the conduct of its own services, performance of weddings and funerals, if it chooses to do so, usage of church facilities, church program(s) and all business matters.

Said corporation will establish and maintain a place of worship of Almighty God, our heavenly father; to provide Christian fellowship for those of like precious faith, where the Holy Spirit may be honored according to our distinctive testimony.

Section II – Internal Revenue Service

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

No part of the net earnings of the organization 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 IV hereof.

No 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, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on

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- (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or
- (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

**ARTICLE V
AFFILIATION**

While maintaining its inherent rights to sovereignty in the conduct of its own affairs as herein set forth, the Church voluntarily commits to enter into fellowship and partnership with like-minded and charged organizations as it sees fit or is necessary to accomplish its mission. We shall initially incorporate as a nondenominational Church. Future denominational alignment shall undergo approval by a simple majority from registered members of the Church.

**ARTICLE VI
OUR VISION STATEMENT**

We wish to evangelize and equip people with the gospel of Jesus Christ in Spirit and truth for the glory of God.

We wish to promote worship and unity between one another, without regard race, monetary gain or social status.

We embrace fellowship with one another and wish to inspire our members to share their experience with others in the community.

We believe that salvation is a choice that we make and that, God's love and forgiveness is boundless to those who accept it.

We desire to be a place where God is given praise and worship, where Apostolic Doctrine and brotherly love is taught.

We intend to preach the good news of salvation, through the death burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We believe the Holy Spirit did not end with the early church but God's spirit continues to work today as it always has.

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**ARTICLE VII
PASTORAL CARE AND LEADERSHIP**

The Pastor shall be the spiritual leader of the church. This shall be a church that is pastor-led and subject to the apostolic authority of the Church Board of Directors as described herein. The Church Board of Directors of the Church shall act as the governing authority by providing spiritual guidance, setting its major policies, and exercising responsibility for its business and activities.

**ARTICLE VIII
MEMBERS**

Membership in the church shall be available to those persons who qualify according to the Holy Scripture and the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE IX
CORPORATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

The board of directors and officers of the corporation shall be members in good standing and be persons of mature Christian experience and knowledge, who shall meet the requirements of Acts 6, 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. The manner in which the directors and officers are elected or appointed shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

The Directors named herein as the first Board of Directors shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified. The names and addresses of the first members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Dustin A. Hughes
816 E. Alfred Street
Tavares, Florida 32778

Martene E. Cook
816 E. Alfred Street
Tavares, Florida 32778

Richard B. Little
816 E. Alfred Street
Tavares, Florida 32778

The Board of Directors shall elect the following Officers: President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the Bylaws of the corporation may authorize the directors to elect from time to time.

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The names and addresses of the initial Officers are as follows:

President:
Dustin A. Hughes
816 E. Alfred Street
Tavares, Florida 32778

Secretary:
Richard B. Little
816 E. Alfred Street
Tavares, Florida 32778

Treasurer:
Marlene E. Cook
816 E. Alfred Street
Tavares, Florida 32778

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**ARTICLE X
DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the organization, none of its funds or assets shall be distributed to any officer, deacon, trustee, or any other individual. The church board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the church, distribute funds and assets for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Any such funds or assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court 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 religious purpose.

**ARTICLE XI
REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The corporation's registered agent and office is:

Dustin A. Hughes
816 E. Alfred Street
Tavares, Florida 32778

**ARTICLE XII
INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator of the corporation:

Dustin A. Hughes
816 E. Alfred Street
Tavares, Florida 32778

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ARTICLE XIII: INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify any Director or Officer or former Director and Officer, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him/her (legal fees or otherwise) or any amount paid in satisfaction of judgments in connection with any suit or proceeding, whether civil or criminal in nature, in which he/she is made a party by reason of being or having been such Director or Officer. No Director, Officer, or former Director and Officer is eligible for indemnification if he/she pleads guilty or is convicted of a crime associated with the church or its affiliates.

ARTICLE XIV: DEBTS


Neither the members nor the members of the Board of Directors or Officers of the Corporation shall be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XV: AMENDMENT

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in the Articles of Incorporation, or any amendments hereto, and to enact By-Laws, in manner now or hereafter prescribed by law and all rights conferred on Directors and Officers herein are granted subject to this reservation.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Required Signature of Registered Agent:



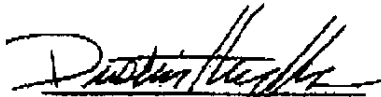
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816 E. Alfred Street
Tavares, Florida 32778

REGISTERED AGENT

Date: September 30, 2016.

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

Required Signature of Incorporator:



Dustin A. Hughes
816 E. Alfred Street
Tavares, Florida 32778

INCORPORATOR

DATE: September 30, 2016

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