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Wesley United Methodist Church

826 N.W. 23RD AVENUE GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA 32609 (352) 372-2845

Department of State Division of Corporations Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: Wesley United Methodist Church of Gainesville, Incorporated

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for filing are the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for Wesley United Methodist Church of Gainesville, Incorporated.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$87.50 which includes the following.

Filing Fee	\$35.00
Designation of Registered Agent	\$35.00
Certified Copy	\$ 8.75
Certificate of Status	\$ 8.75

Please file these Articles of Incorporation, certify the enclosed copy and return same to me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Kay Frazier
Trustees Chair

/kwf Enclosures

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GAINESVILLE, INCORPORATED

The undersigned persons, acting as incorporators of a corporation not for profit under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GAINESVILLE, INCORPORATED.

ARTICLE II

The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

The principal place of business and mailing address shall be: 826 NW 23rd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32609.

ARTICLE IV

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are as more fully set forth in the *Discipline* of the United Methodist Church, or as it may hereafter from time to time be amended, including:

- (a) To establish and maintain in the City of Gainesville a United Methodist Church, subject to the *Discipline* of the United Methodist Church.
- (b) The promotion of the Christian religion through the preaching of the Word of God, the administration of the sacraments, ordinances, and other means of grace, the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers, the evangelization of the world, and the promotion of the missionary and benevolence causes.
- (c) Receiving, holding, and disbursing gifts, bequests, and funds arising from all sources.

- (d) Acquiring, owning, and maintaining real estate, buildings, and other property real or personal, incidental, necessary, or proper to carry out said objects.
- (e) To operate exclusively for such religious purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt organizations under that Code.
- (f) Doing of any and all things necessary or incident to the accomplishment of such purposes.
- (g) All of the above shall be in accordance with the Doctrines, Laws, usages, *Discipline*, and Ministerial appointments of The United Methodist Church.
- (h) This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE V

The name and address of each incorporator are as follows:

Name
Address

Sherry Adams
3727 SW 80th Dr.
Gainesville, FL 32608-3662

Doug Browning
3954 NW 41st Ct
Gainesville, FL 32606-4557

Kay Frazier
3021 NW 24th Terrace
Gainesville, FL 32605-2878

Donna Weseman
1501 NW 98th St.
Gainesville, FL 32606

ARTICLE IV

(a) The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its business affairs conducted and managed by the Board of Trustees, which shall consist of not less

than three (3) persons, who shall be elected by the Charge Conference of the Church in the manner provided for in the bylaws of the corporation pursuant to the Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

(b) The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as the initial Board of Trustees (Directors) of the corporation are as follows:

Name	Address
Marilyn Browning	3954 NW 41 st Ct Gainesville, FL 32606-4557
Kay Frazier	3021 NW 24th Terrace Gainesville, FL 32605-2878
Ralph Jones	2835 NW 41 st Pl Gainesville, FL 32605-1545
Helen Martin	8620 NW 13 th St, Lot #40 Gainesville, FL 32653-7903
Buford Scott	933 NW 34 th Ave Gainesville, FL 32609-2118
Doris Welsh	8620 NW 13 th St., Lot #260 Gainesville, FL 32653-7951

(c) These Trustees (Directors) shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE VII

Upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation of WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GAINESVILLE, INCORPORATED, the association previously known as Wesley United Methodist Church, and the members of such association shall be members of such corporation, and all the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, franchises, authority, property, and obligations of such unincorporated association shall thereupon pass to, vest in, and be the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, franchises, authority, property, and obligations of WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GAINESVILLE, INCORPORATED, a corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE VIII

The members of the corporation shall mean the membership of the church, an unincorporated association, and shall be composed of such persons (ministerial and lay) as from time to time shall be defined in accordance with the *Discipline* of the United Methodist Church, and such members thereof shall have only such voting and other rights as now exist or may hereafter be granted by the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church.

ARTICLE IX

The corporation shall support the Doctrine of The United Methodist church and it and all its property, both real and personal, shall be subject to the *Discipline*, Laws, Usages, and Ministerial appointments of The United Methodist church as are now or shall be, from time to time, established, made, and declared by the lawful authority of the said church.

ARTICLE X

The corporation, in conformity with the Discipline of The United Methodist Church, shall have the power to receive, acquire, and hold title, in trust or otherwise, to real and personal property, and to improve, encumber, lease, sell, convey, and dispose of all such property; to borrow money, execute notes, bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness and secure the same by mortgages and other instruments of indebtedness and pay interest thereon; to improve, adapt and use its property or the income therefrom in its religious, educational, benevolent, or social activities, without financial profit to its members, except as may be necessary in the payment of salaries or other compensation for services rendered.

ARTICLE XI

Subject to the provisions of the *Discipline*, the corporation shall have the power to erect and maintain buildings for the worship of God, for training in Christian faith and conduct, and for Christian social intercourse, and to purchase, lease, and/or rent and otherwise acquire or build and maintain residences for the use and occupancy of its ministers.

ARTICLE XII

- (a) The business of this corporation shall be conducted in conformity with the Discipline of The United Methodist Church as the same now exists or as may hereafter be amended, changed, or modified, and the bylaws of the corporation shall include the Discipline of The United Methodist Church and no bylaws shall be adopted inconsistent with the provisions of said Discipline.
- (b) In addition to the powers and duties granted to this corporation by the Discipline of The United Methodist Church, the corporation assumes for itself all the rights, powers, and privileges and immunities which are now, and which may during the existence thereof be conferred by law upon corporations with a similar character, provided the same are not inconsistent with said *Discipline*.
- (c) But notwithstanding the above, however, at no time shall any of the amendments, bylaws, or regulations of the corporation be prohibited by or in conflict with the nonprofit corporate laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE XIII

- (a) The bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees (Directors) and may be amended and changed from time to time by the Board of Trustees (Directors).
- (b) The bylaws of the corporation shall include the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church as from time to time enacted, authorized and declared by its General Conference; and no other bylaws shall be adopted inconsistent with the provisions of the *Discipline*.

ARTICLE XIV

A quorum for the transaction of the business of the corporation shall consist of a majority of the Board of Trustees (Directors).

ARTICLE XV

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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ALACHUA Before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the state and county named above to take
acknowledgments, personally appeared Sherry Adams, Doug Browning, Kay Frazier and Donna Weseman, who are personally known to me, and who are to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and they acknowledged

Notary Public, State of Florida

Approved for filing: GERALDINE MCCLELLAN, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT Date: 6-19-05

described in and who executed the foregoing

before me that they executed and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation.

Witness my hand and official seal in the county and state named above this

2005.

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by majority vote of the Board of Trustees (Directors) at any regular or called meeting.

ARTICLE XVI

WHEREAS, Wesley United Methodist Church of Gainesville, Incorporated, desires to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation of Gainesville, Florida has named Raymond O. Manasco, Jr., 2071 NW 21st Lane, Gainesville, FL 32605-3964 as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at Gainesville, Florida, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said act relative to keeping open said office.

Raymond O. Manasco, Jr.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ALACHUA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 1644 day of 2005, by Raymond O. Manasco, Jr., known personally to me and who did not take an oath.

Rhonda L Osborne
MY COMMISSION # D0072516 EXPIRES
December 16, 2005
NONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

Notary Public, State of Florida

ARTICLE XVII

If for any reason the corporation shall be abandoned, discontinued, or cease to exist as a legal entity and its charter shall expire or be terminated, the title to all its property both real and personal shall be vested in and be the property of the Florida annual conference of The United Methodist Church, pursuant to said *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church, or to an organization qualified under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States Co

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned being the incorporators of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this not for profit corporation under the laws of the state of Florida, have hereunto subscribed our names this 1941 day of Quarter 2005.