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THE REFUGE CHURCH, INC.**

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE REFUGE CHURCH RIVERVIEW, INC.,
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

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ARTICLE I
CORPORATE NAME

The name of the corporation is:
THE REFUGE CHURCH RIVERVIEW, INC.,

ARTICLE II
CORPORATE ADDRESS

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

7412 Commerce Street
Riverview, FL 33578

ARTICLE III
DURATION

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE IV
GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

Section I – General Purpose

THE REFUGE CHURCH RIVERVIEW, INC., is a Christian organization who ministers to all persons helping them worship God, have fellowship, assist families, and provide instruction in the love of Jesus Christ. Specifically, our desire is minister to the needs of the vulnerable in our society in need of redemption, reconciliation and restoration. Our desire is to assist the community to discover and re-discover a fresh relationship with Jesus Christ, through vibrant passionate worship, fellowship and relevant biblical teachings. Besides being engaged in this ministry directly we will also provide teaching material for

pastors, churches, fellowship and other groups and conduct seminars to help in this endeavor both 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

- (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 2/3rd vote from registered members of the Church.

ARTICLE VI PASTORAL CARE AND LEADERSHIP

The Pastor shall be the spiritual leader of the church. The Church shall have the privilege to consider for Pastor any minister in good standing who is credentialed to minister.

ARTICLE VII MEMBERS

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

ARTICLE VIII CORPORATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

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

Rev. Mark Ferrara
11306 Villas on the Green Drive
Riverview, FL 33579

Bernie Howard
906 Wicket Run Drive
Brandon, FL 33511

Amy Silva
13236 Early Run Lane
Riverview FL 33579

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

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

President:
Rev. Mark Ferrare
11306 Villas on the Green Drive
Riverview, FL 33579

Secretary:
Amanda Ferrare
11306 Villas on the Green Drive
Riverview, FL 33579

Treasurer:
Bernie Howard
906 Wicket Run Drive
Brandon, FL 33511

ARTICLE IX 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 X
REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The corporation's registered agent and office is:

Rev. Mark Ferrare
11306 Villas on the Green Drive
Riverview, FL 33579

**ARTICLE XI
INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator of the corporation:

Rev. Mark Ferrare
11306 Villas on the Green Drive
Riverview, FL 33579

ARTICLE XII: INDEMNIFICATION

This 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 XIII: 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 a Constitution and 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. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any time by a 2/3rds vote of the registered membership of the corporation at any regular meeting of the membership or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

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


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familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act
in this capacity.

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Required Signature of Registered Agent:



Rev. Mark Ferrare
11308 Villas on the Green Drive
Riverview, FL 33579

REGISTERED AGENT

Date: February 17, 2017.

*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:


Rev. Mark Ferrare
11308 Villas on the Green Drive
Riverview, FL 33579

Incorporator

DATE: February 17, 2017.

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