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**BETHEL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**2901 - 54th Avenue South**

**St. Petersburg, Florida 33712**

**(727) 866-2567**

**(727) 866-2307 [Fax]**

*Rev. Dr. Manuel L. Sykes, Pastor*

September 30, 2002

Amendment Section  
Division of Corporations  
Post Office Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

RE: Amendment to Articles of Incorporation (Document #700098)

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed are amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of Bethel Community Baptist Church, Inc. (Document #700098). Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$43.75 which covers the filing fee (\$35) and one certified copy (\$8.75). Mail to:

Rev. Dr. Manuel L. Sykes, Chairperson  
Bethel Community Baptist Church, Inc.  
2901 - 54th Avenue South  
St. Petersburg, FL. 33712

Please expedite these amendments and telephone us at (727) 866-2567 if you have questions.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. L. Sykes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rev. Dr. Manuel L. Sykes, Chairperson  
Bethel Community Baptist Church, Inc.

MLS/zs

Enclosure

A handwritten signature or set of initials in black ink, possibly reading 'Amend' or similar, with a horizontal line through it.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Jim Smith  
Secretary of State

October 11, 2002

REV. DR. MANUEL L. SYKES  
BETHEL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.  
2901 - 54TH AVE. SOUTH  
ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33712

SUBJECT: BETHEL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.  
Ref. Number: 700098

We have received your document for BETHEL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.. However, the document has not been filed and is being returned for the following:

The fee to file articles of amendment is \$35. Certified copies are optional and are \$8.75 for the first 8 pages of the document, and \$1 for each additional page, not to exceed \$52.50.

The incorporator(s) cannot be amended or changed. Please correct your document accordingly.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6909.

Velma Shepard  
Document Specialist

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Jim Smith  
Secretary of State

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November 26, 2002

REV. DR. MANUEL L. SYKES  
BETHEL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.  
2901 - 54TH AVE. SOUTH  
ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33712

SUBJECT: BETHEL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.  
Ref. Number: 700098

We have received your document for BETHEL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$43.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Please accept our apology for failing to mention this in our previous letter.

Florida nonprofit corporations are required to have at least 3 directors or trustees. Please place the letter "D" or "T" beside the names and business addresses of each director or trustee.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6909.

Velma Shepard  
Document Specialist

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**Bethel Community Baptist Church**  
**2901 – 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**  
**St. Petersburg, Florida 33712**  
**(727) 866-2567**  
**(727) 866-2307 [Fax]**

December 4, 2002

Velma Shepard, Document Specialist  
Division of Corporations  
Florida Department of State  
Post Office Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: Reference #700098  
Bethel Community Baptist Church, Inc.

Dear Ms. Shepard:

This is in regard to your letter dated November 26, 2002, returning the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Bethel Community Baptist Church, Inc.

Enclosed are the corrections to the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Bethel Community Baptist Church, Inc. Such corrections denoting the Directors (D) and Trustees (T) of the Corporation are found on pp. 3-4.

Telephone us at (727) 866-2567 if we can be of any further assistance.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zeke Sims", written over a horizontal line.

Elder Zeke Sims

ZS/

Enclosure

**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT**  
**to**  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**of**

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BETHEL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

(present name)

700098

(Document Number of Corporation (if known))

*Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.*

**FIRST:** Amendment(s) adopted: (INDICATE ARTICLE NUMBER (S) BEING AMENDED, ADDED OR DELETED.)

Article I: Amended  
Article III: Amended  
Article V: Amended  
Article VI: Amended  
Article VII - First Officers: Deleted  
Article VII - By-Laws: Added  
Article VIII - Indebtedness: Added & Amended  
Article IX - Value of Real Estate: Added & Amended  
Article X - Amendments: Added & Amended  
(see Attached)

**SECOND:** The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: September 24, 2002

**THIRD:** Adoption of Amendment (CHECK ONE)

- The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.
- There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the board of directors.



Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or other officer

Rev. Dr. Manuel L. Sykes

Typed or printed name

Chairperson

Title

09/25/02

Date

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

TO

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming incorporated pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, applicable to corporations not for profit, under the proposed Charter listed below.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be "Bethel Community Baptist Church, Inc." and it is located at 2901 - 54th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33712.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The general nature of the object of this corporation is to promote Christian worship and instruction and to aid in the building of churches, schools, pastoriums, and other institutions connected therewith of a religious, educational, charitable, and benevolent character to the end that it's own members and others may be generally instructed and guided concerning these articles of faith which are most surely held among Missionary Baptist Churches and Full Gospel Baptist Churches. To advance spiritual growth and enlightenment, moral and personal purity among its own membership and the people of the community in which it is located; to promote home & foreign missions; to aid in the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth; and to educate, prepare, and ordain Christians for the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Every person who believes in repentance toward God, and faith in Jesus Christ, as Savior and Lord, and who is willing to confess Him publicly as Lord and King & follow Him in baptism by immersion, and to observe the ordinances of Christ and to be governed by His laws, is qualified and eligible for membership in this corporation. The manner of admission to membership in said corporation shall be by letter of dismissal from other churches of like faith and order; by *satisfactory statement of former membership in a* Missionary Baptist Church or Full Gospel Baptist Church; and on profession of faith as hereinbefore provided, upon completion of all requirements of New Members Orientation. The present membership of the Bethel Community Baptist Church of St. Petersburg, Florida, Pinellas County, Florida, and those hereafter admitted to such membership shall constitute the membership of this corporation.

ARTICLE IV – TERM

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V – SUBSCRIBERS

The names and residences of the subscribers are listed below.

Walter Barnes, 2422 – 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Johnnie Frazier, 2595 – 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue South



ARTICLE V - SUBSCRIBERS (Con't)

Isaiah W. Williams, 242 Jordan Park  
Horace Cooper, 1909 - 7th Avenue South  
Willie Gordon, 1051 Queen Street South

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Elders and the Pastor, such management to be subject to the approval of the Church, and said Elders to be composed of not less than six (6) and said Elders shall be elected from and by the membership of said corporation. The term of membership as an Elder shall be for life, or for such other length of time, not less than one year, as the membership of said corporation may provide by its by-laws. All legal instruments of the corporation shall be signed by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, sealed with the corporate seal, & attested by the Secretary, or, in such other manner as may be authorized by law. All elections to membership as an Elder shall be by majority vote of the members of said corporation present at any business meeting of the said corporation.

The persons currently serving as Elders of the Bethel Community Baptist Church, Inc., whose names are set forth below shall govern and shall hold office until their successors are selected by the Pastor and ratified by the membership.

- ✓ T - Harold Howard, 2458 Lynn Lake Cir. So., St. Pete, FL. 33712
- D - James Myles, 5651 - 5th St. So., St. Pete, FL. 33705
- ✓ D - Zeke Sims, 4336 Fairfield Ave. So., St. Pete, FL. 33711
- ✓ T - Leonard Summers, 1210 - 26th Ave. So., St. Pete, FL. 33705

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS (Con't)

D - Rev. Dr. Manuel L. Sykes, 831 Bay Vista Blvd. So., St. Pete, FL. 33705  
T - Evelyn Thompson, 2411 - 44th St. So., St. Pete, FL. 33711  
D - Georgetta Wooten, 2450 Madrid Way So., St. Pete, FL. 33712

In addition to the Elders, said corporation shall have a Pastor, Church Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent, Women's Ministry President, Men's Ministry President, and such other officers as may be necessary. Such officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the corporation present at any business meeting of said corporation for such term as the corporation may provide by its by-laws.

ARTICLE VII - BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the corporation is to be made, altered or rescinded upon a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VIII - INDEBTEDNESS

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the Corporation may, at any time, subject itself shall be the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

ARTICLE IX - VALUE OF REAL ESTATE

The amount in value of the real estate which the corporation may hold subject always to the approval of the Secretary of State, shall be Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Corporation by a two-third (2/3) vote of the members present, providing said amendment has been approved by joint resolution of the Elders by a two-third (2/3) vote prior to said regular meeting.

We, the undersigned, the incorporators hereinafter named, for the purpose of forming a corporation pursuant to the General Corporation Law of the State of Florida, do make this Articles of Incorporation, hereby declaring and certifying that this is my act and deed and the facts herein stated are true, and accordingly have hereunto set my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2002.

Harold Howard  
Harold Howard

Leonard Summers  
Leonard Summers

James Myles  
James Myles

Rev. Dr. Manuel L. Sykes  
Rev. Dr. Manuel L. Sykes

Zeke Sims  
Zeke Sims

Evelyn Thompson  
Evelyn Thompson

Georgetta Wooten  
Georgetta Wooten

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

Be it remembered that on this Sept. 29, 2002 personally came before me, Georgetta Wooten, a Notary Public for the State of Florida, Harold Howard, James Myles, ZEKE SIMS, Leonard Summers, Manuel Sykes, Evelyn Thompson, to me personally known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged that said persons signed as the person's free act and deed the foregoing document and declared that the statements therein contained are true to the person's best knowledge and belief.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Pauline J. Payton  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

