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In Re: Greater Orlando Baptist Association
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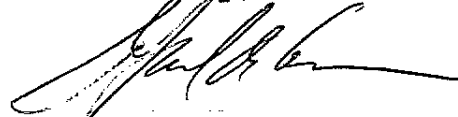
Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to 617.1006, please enclosed find for filing the Articles of Amendment for the above captioned subject, reflecting the changes, and our firm check for: \$35.

We hope that the documents meet with your approval.

Thank you for your prompt handling of this matter.

Sincerely,



Rafael de Armas, Esq.

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Enclosures

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Amend



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State

January 9, 1998

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SUBJECT: GREATER ORLANDO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.
Ref. Number: 704877

We have received your document for GREATER ORLANDO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$35.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Our records indicate the current name of the entity is as it appears on the enclosed computer printout. Please correct the name throughout the document.

The name of the corporation must contain a corporate suffix. This suffix may be: CORPORATION, CORP., INCORPORATED, or INC. Sections 617.0401(1)(a) and 617.1506(1), Florida Statutes, prohibits the use of the word COMPANY or CO. in the name of a non-profit corporation.

Please specify which article number you are amending, adding, or deleting.

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) 487-6909.

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all articles are being amended.

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GREATER ORLANDO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.
ARTICLES OF AMENDMENTS TO
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
October 20, 1997

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ARTICLE I -- NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Greater Orlando Baptist Association, Inc. also known as GOBA.

ARTICLE II -- PURPOSE

This association of autonomous Southern Baptist member churches exists to more effectively fulfill the Great Commission as described in Matthew 28:18-20, to share with and mutually benefit from a local caring fellowship of churches, and to develop synergistic cooperative ministries with each other and other Southern Baptist churches, associations, conventions, agencies and boards. This includes promoting the cause of missions generally and specifically, assisting in the establishment of churches, Sunday Schools, missions, schools, community ministry centers, camps, assemblies, hospitals, and such other institutions and agencies for education, evangelism, benevolence and charity, and shall advance the cause of Christ in all of its cooperating churches and missions in the community.

**ARTICLE III --
TERMS OF EXISTENCE**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE IV -- MEMBERSHIP

THE GREATER ORLANDO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC. a non-profit corporation, consists of cooperating member churches that are identified in the official membership directory published in its Annual.

Churches that share our common Baptist doctrines, desire to participate in the local fellowship with sister churches, commit to the financial support of the Great Commission mission of the Association, and wish to be a part of Southern Baptist national and world missions may be admitted to membership in this Association.

Cooperating member churches shall be entitled to representation by a minimum of six messengers. Additional messengers are allowed as specified in the Constitution & Bylaws. Procedures for withdrawal and removal of member churches are specified in the Constitution & Bylaws.

Non-voting affiliated partner status may be extended to organizations providing significant ministry and/or services in and with GOBA member churches, provided relationships, responsibilities and benefits are clearly written and accepted by both parties and upon the approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V -- OFFICERS

The general officers of the corporation shall be members of cooperating churches as follows: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Director of Missions and others that the Association may deem necessary from time to time.

ARTICLE VI -- EXECUTIVE BOARD

The affairs of the Association are conducted and managed between the Annual Meeting by the Executive Board as specified in the Constitution & Bylaws. The Executive Board shall be constituted as follows: Five (5) messengers selected from each church (the pastor or other member, plus four (4) other members, at least one of whom shall be a layperson), all elected officers of the Association, and such others as may be provided in the Constitution & Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VII
ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, and Clerk, shall be elected annually at the Annual Meeting of the Association. The Vice-Moderator serves the second year as Moderator. The Executive Director of Missions is elected by the Executive Board for an indefinite period of time. Elective and appointive officers serve a one (1) year term ending at the close of the Annual Meeting of the Association, unless otherwise stated in the Constitution & Bylaws.

**ARTICLES VIII
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The Executive Director of Missions, as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Corporation, together with the Moderator, the Vice-Moderator, the Clerk, and the Treasurer serve as the Executive Officers of the Association who are authorized to sign and execute all legal documents approved by the Executive Board on behalf of the Association.

**ARTICLE IX
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Association shall have an Annual Meeting, usually held in October of each year, as described in the Constitution & Bylaws. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to conduct the business of the Association and to promote cooperation and fellowship. Activities may include, but not be limited to the following: electing the officers of the Association, electing Executive Board members, approving new associational memberships, approving associational messengers; receiving reports of the GOBA committees and organizations.

**ARTICLE X
SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the Moderator provided written notice of the time, place and purpose of such special meeting is mailed to each member of the Executive Board at least five (5) days prior to such meeting.

The Executive Board may approve the calling of a special meeting of the Association provided written notice stating the time, place, and purpose of such special meeting is mailed to each church and mission at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.

**ARTICLE XI
BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS**

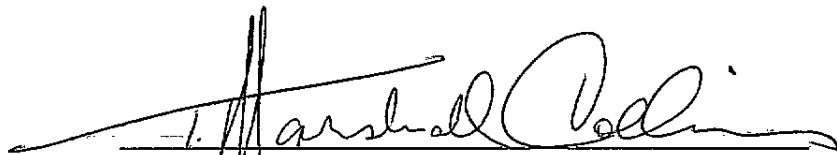
The present Articles of Incorporation as amended and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Greater Orlando Baptist Association, Inc. as amended at the 1997 Annual Meeting of the Association and as later may be amended, constitute the formal authority and responsibility of officers and members of this Association.

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the messengers present and voting at any Annual Meeting. Any proposed changes shall be read at an Executive Board Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Constitution & Bylaws are subject to the review and revision of the Executive Director of Missions, who will make a determination if additional approvals are necessary.


The amendments were adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendments were sufficient for approval. Dated this 20th day of October, 1997.

GREATER ORLANDO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.


Marshall Collins, Moderator


William Haynes, Vice Moderator


Robert McAllister, Secretary


J.E. Copeland, Treasurer


Eduardo Docampo, Executive Director

(CORPORATE SEAL)