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SUBJECT: COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE, INC.  
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We have received your document for COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$52.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Please file the document as either Articles of Amendment or Restated Articles of Incorporation pursuant to applicable Florida Statutes.

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE, INC.  
A Nonprofit Corporation**

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**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

That we the undersigned, residents and citizens of the United States of America, of full age of majority, have for the purpose of amending and restating the Articles of Incorporation for a nonprofit corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, for the purposes expressed in ARTICLE III hereof, adopted the following Amendment and Restatement of the Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I**

The name of this corporation shall be THE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE, INC. and its duration is to be perpetual.

**ARTICLE II**

The name of the registered agent and the location and post office address of the corporation's registered office in the State of Florida is Brian Beckner, 10001 W. Commercial Blvd, Tamarac, Florida 33351, respectively.

**ARTICLE III**

This nonprofit corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes as within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America and is structured as a Church. Its purpose is to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, evangelism and discipleship.

In furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers and authority; however, the corporation shall not be empowered, and is prohibited from, engaging in any activity which is not allowed pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America:

(a) To operate under the name as set forth in ARTICLE I above and to operate as a Church both in the United States and in other countries;

(b) To employ qualified counsel and other necessary personnel to carry out the purposes of this corporation;

(c) To adopt and use a corporate seal;

(d) It may associate and cooperate freely with other non-profit associations. It shall operate as a free and independent corporation in accord with its own conscience. In every case and in every act and in pursuit of or adoption of any policy or method or in practice or association, the corporation does and shall do so as a free organization always retaining its sovereignty and independence, and in no case whatsoever as an act of subjection nor precedent or amenability nor as an active or passive or implied affiliation nor in any way as relinquishing its perpetual legal independence and sovereignty.

(e) To receive contributions, gifts, dues and property by devise or bequest subject to the laws relating to the transfer of property by will.

(f) To act as Trustee under any trust incidental to the principal objects of the corporation and to receive, hold, administer and expend funds and property subject to such trust.

(g) To take, purchase or otherwise acquire; to own, hold, occupy, use, and enjoy; manage, improve, develop and work; to grant, sell, exchange, let, demise, and otherwise dispose of real estate, buildings, and improvements and every right interest and estate therein without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated; to erect, construct, alter and repair buildings; to assume any and every kind of contract, agreement and obligation by or with any person, firm, corporation or association, or any Federal, State, or other government for the erection, construction, alteration, repair, renewal, equipment, improvement, development, use, enjoyment, leasing, management or control of any buildings, improvements or structures of any kind wherever the same may be situated.

(h) To enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount and with any person, firm, association or corporation; to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, issue, and execute promissory notes, warrants, and other negotiable or transferable interests.

(i) To purchase or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, use and enjoy, to sell, assign and transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of, deal in or deal with personal property of every kind and description without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated.

(j) To borrow and to loan money and to give and to receive evidence of indebtedness and security therefore; to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, warrants and other debentures of the corporation, or otherwise to make guarantees of every kind and secure any or all obligations of the corporation by mortgage, trust deed or otherwise.

(k) By its Board of Elders to appoint such officers and employees as may be decreed proper; define their authority and duties; fix their compensation; required bonds of such of them as it deems advisable and fix the penalty thereof; dismiss such officers or employees, or any thereof for any good reason and appoint others to fill their places.

(l) To adopt and assume names in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes.

(m) To use any and all media, including but not limited to, print, television and radio, in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;

(n) To do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of the corporation and to have and exercise all the powers now or hereafter conferred by the laws of the State.

(o) To exercise such other and incidental powers as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the corporation is established, provided that such incidental powers shall be exercised in a manner consistent with its tax-exempt status as a charitable organization as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America.

(p) The several clauses contained in this ARTICLE III shall be construed both as purposes and powers and the statements contained in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in no wise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clauses, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers. Notwithstanding any provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not engage in any political activity prescribed by Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America, nor shall any income or assets of the corporation inure to the benefit of any member, private individual or business entity.

#### ARTICLE IV

To assure the corporation of its sovereignty and independence and to perpetually protect the organization, all legal power and authority, relative to the corporation, shall be exercised by the Board of Elders. The Board of Elders shall conduct all the business of the corporation and shall be the only voting members of the corporation. The number of Elders, and the qualifications shall be established in the Bylaws of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE V

This nonprofit corporation is formed without any purpose of pecuniary profit and shall have no capital stock.

#### ARTICLE VI

The private property of the Elders shall be non-assessable and shall not be subject to the payment of any corporate debts, nor shall the Elders of the corporation become individually or corporately liable or responsible for any debts or liabilities of the corporation.

## ARTICLE VII

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Elders shall distribute all remaining funds, after the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall qualify as an exempt corporation or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (or by the corresponding section of any future Revenue Code of the United States of America) or (b) by a corporation, contributions of which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954, as amended (or the corresponding section of any future United States Revenue Law) and to whom subscribe to the same guiding faith principles as the Corporation. Such distributions shall be presented to the Board of Elders and approved by a majority vote.

## ARTICLE VIII

These Articles may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Elders, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

## ARTICLE IX

The undersigned members shall act as the initial Board of Elders until their successors shall have been duly qualified and elected. The Board of Elders shall act until their successors have been duly qualified and elected:

The Board of Elders shall not be less than three (3).

DATED This 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2015

John W. Chase

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

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The date of each amendment(s) adoption: September 21, 2015, if other than the date this document was signed.

Effective date if applicable: September 21, 2015  
(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

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**Adoption of Amendment(s) (CHECK ONE)**

☐ The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval.

☒ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment(s). The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the board of directors.

Dated 9/21/2015

Signature John W. Chace  
(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer-if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator – if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

John W. Chace

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

Chairman & President

(Title of person signing)