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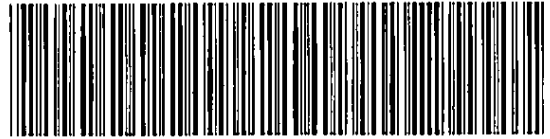
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SUBJECT: Estero United Methodist Church, Inc.

CORPORATE NAME

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**RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
ESTERO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.**

The Articles of Incorporation of Estero United Methodist Church, Inc., are hereby restated^C_E in their entirety pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be ESTERO METHODIST CHURCH, INC. (the "Corporation").

ARTICLE II
PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The street address of the principal office of the Corporation is 8088 Lord's Way, Estero, Florida 33928.

ARTICLE III
DURATION

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless it shall be dissolved according to the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE IV
PURPOSES

The Corporation is a Methodist church organized and operated exclusively for charitable and religious purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code. The object and general nature of this Corporation shall be to provide a Methodist church in Estero that sends ordinary people, transformed by God's grace, to proclaim the kingdom of God in our lives, communities, and world. The mission of the Corporation shall be to connect to God and each other, grow in love for God and each other, and serve God and the world Jesus died for. The service of the Corporation shall always be directed to the advancement of the kingdom of God and the care and discipleship of the church through the promotion of the Christian life, the education and training of people locally and globally in the works and mission of the Christian faith, the conduct of Christian worship and the administration of the sacraments. The Church's sacred duty of caring for and meeting the needs of people within and outside the congregation shall be conducted with the unconditional love of the Savior and the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The Corporation may conduct any and all lawful activities that may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, associations, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments, or agencies.

ARTICLE V
DIRECTORS

The number and the method of the election of the directors of the Corporation is set forth in the bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VI
REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the Corporation's initial registered office is 8088 Lord's Way, Estero, Florida, 33928, and the name of the Corporation's initial registered agent is Mary Huron.

ARTICLE VII
INITIAL INCORPORATOR

The names and then-addresses of the initial incorporators are Edwin Young (R. R. 1, Box 3F, Estero, Florida 33928), James M. Hill (R. R. 1, Park Avenue, Estero, Florida 33928), Thomas A. Fernandez (R. R. #1, Box 164, Estero, Florida 33928), Gordon C. Smith (R. R. #1, Box 189, Estero, Florida 33928), A. F. Hewitt (177 Tahiti Village, Estero, Florida 33928), Arvin McHenry (5329 Darby Court, Cape Coral, Florida 33904), Forbes Home (R. R. #1, Box 15, Estero, Florida 33928), and A. R. Niblett (R. R. #2, Box 750, Bonita Springs, Florida 33923).

ARTICLE VIII
MEMBERS

The doctrinal basis, manner of admission, and qualification for membership shall conform to the requirements adopted and approved by the Board of Directors. All members meeting these requirements being incorporated in good and regular standing as members of this Corporation.

ARTICLE IX
PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its directors, 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 Article IV hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization 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 a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2), 2055, and 2522 of the Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE X
DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute the assets of the Corporation for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code, or to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Florida court of competent jurisdiction 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 purposes.

ARTICLE XI
ARTICLE CONSOLIDATION

These adopted Restated Articles of Incorporation supersede the original articles of incorporation and all amendments to them.

ARTICLE XII
REQUIRED ADOPTION INFORMATION

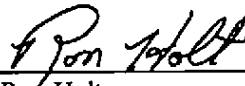
The foregoing Restated Articles of Incorporation of Estero United Methodist Church, Inc., do not contain amendments requiring member approval. The Restated Articles of Incorporation of Estero United Methodist Church, Inc. were adopted by the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 617.1007 of the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act. *on May 23, 2023.*

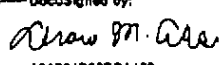
ARTICLE XIII
EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these Restated Articles of Incorporation shall be JUNE 1, 2023.

CERTIFICATION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned submits this document and affirms the facts stated herein are true. The undersigned is aware that false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in section 817.155, Florida Statutes. As a duly authorized representative of the Corporation, the undersigned have executed these Restated Articles of Incorporation on this 23 day of May, 2023.

By: 
Ron Holt
President

By: 
Diane Ellis
Chair, Board of Directors