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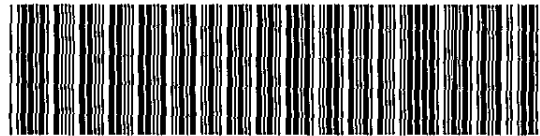
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# ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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Wergreen Missionary Baptist Church of  
(present name) (Fort Lauderdale), Inc.  
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(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.)

*See attached*

**SECOND:** The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: March 19, 1986

**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.

Joyce Dunlap  
Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or other officer

JOYCE DUNLAP  
Typed or printed name

Secretary Director  
Title

9/3/03  
Date

Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation  
**For**  
**Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church** (of Fort Lauderdale), Inc.

To promote the gospel and to promote the brotherhood of man under God, the Father of all, the group of believers in Christ Jesus does hereby so organize itself. To the end that this body is governed in an orderly manner consistent with the principles of our faith (Articles of Faith) and that the liberties inherent in each individual member of the church be preserved and the freedom of action of this body with respect to its relation to other churches of the same faith, we do declare and establish this constitution.

This ministry is part of the Florida East Coast Missionary Baptist Association (district), Florida General Baptist Convention (state) and the National Baptist Convention, USA (national) and follows the guidelines and manifestos of these groups.

This ministry holds one annual general business meeting with the entire congregation with the right to hold additional meetings as deemed necessary by the pastor, deacons and administrative ministry. There will be quarterly department head meetings for discussion of the church's progression.

**Article I. Name**

This organization is known as the Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church (of Fort Lauderdale) Inc. and was established in March of 1951.

**Article II. Doctrinal Statement**

We believe in one body, the true and living God, the Creator and Sustainer of all things, who is infinite, eternal, unchanging, and is revealed to us as the Father, the Head of the Trinity, into whose hands we finally enter the kingdom.

We believe in God, the Son, the promised Messiah of the Old Testament, born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit, given to reveal God the Father, died to redeem man, rose from the dead, now seated at the right hand of God interceding for all believers, to return one day in visible, personal and bodily form, receiving His church unto Himself, at a time the Father has reserved to Himself alone, as the glorified Lord of Lords and Judge of all mankind.

**Article III. Membership**

**Section 1. Qualifications**

The membership of this church shall consist of such persons as confess Jesus Christ to be their Savior and Lord. Members will be accepted on the following four conditions: (1)

Baptism (2) Christian Experience (3) Restoration – restored back to membership and by (4) Letter.

## Section 2. Duties

Members are expected, first of all, to be faithful in all the duties essential to the Christian Life, and also to attend habitually the services of this church, to give tithes and offerings for its causes and to share in this organized work.

## Section 3. Termination

Any member who causes discomfort, interruption in the fellowship and worship or who becomes a threat to the fellowship and do not heed to the warnings of the pastor and/or deacons may be silenced and set apart by the pastor and support of the deacons. This period could be anywhere from 60 to 90 days. If the matter continues after this period, the under shepherd who extended the right hand of fellowship likewise may withdraw the right hand of fellowship.

## Section 4. Termination in good standing

The continuance of membership shall be subject to the principles and usages of this church, and especially as follows:

- 1) Any member in good and regular standing who desires a letter of dismissal and recommendation of any other church is entitled to receive it upon his request. In case of removal to another community he should promptly make such request. This letter shall be valid as a recommendation for only six months from the date of the letter, unless renewed, and this restriction shall be stated in the letter.
- 2) If a member in good standing requests to be released from his covenant obligations to this church, after it shall have patiently and kindly endeavored to secure his continuance in its fellowship, such requests may be granted, and his membership terminated.
- 3) Should a member become an offense to the church and to its good name by reasons or immoral or unchristian conduct, or by persistent breach of his covenant vows, the church may terminated his membership, but only after due notice and after faithful efforts have been made to bring such member to repentance and amend.
- 4) Members who willfully absent themselves from regular meetings and services of the church for a period of three (3) months, and who are unable to show satisfactory reasons for the same, shall be automatically dropped from the membership roll of this church.

## Section 5. Restoration

Any person whose membership has been terminated for any offense may be restored upon evidence of his repentance and reformation, or, if on account of continued absence, upon satisfactory explanation.

#### **Article IV. Adoption and Amendment**

Section 1. The constitution and the by-laws shall be considered adopted and in immediate effect if and when two-thirds of the board members present at the business meeting having receive one week prior notice, at which the vote in favor of same. The adoption of these shall affect a repeal of all previously adopted rules in conflict herewith.

Section 2. This constitution may be amended by vote of three-fourths of the board members present and voting at any business meeting of the church, providing a two (2) week notice has been given. This constitution cannot be changed in the absence of a pastor.

Section 3. The by-laws may be amended, repealed, or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the board members present and voting at any business meeting of the church – regular, special or annual – provided the proposed change was announces in the church proper or from the pulpit during two consecutive weeks prior to such meeting.