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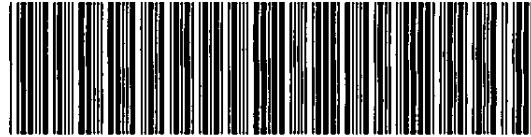
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TO: Amendment Section
Division of Corporations

NAME OF CORPORATION: Northwest Tampa Church of Christ

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 742295

The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Tonia Boyer, Corresponding Secretary

(Name of Contact Person)

Northwest Tampa Church of Christ

(Firm/ Company)

7259 Sheldon Road

(Address)

Tampa, Florida 33615

(City/ State and Zip Code)

Office@TampaChurch.org

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Lewis Patterson

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(Name of Contact Person)

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Articles of Amendment
to
Articles of Incorporation
of

Northwest Tampa Church of Christ

(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

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(Document Number of Corporation (if known))

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this **Florida Not For Profit Corporation** adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

A. If amending name, enter the new name of the corporation:

N/A
The new name must be distinguishable and contain the word "corporation" or "incorporated" or the abbreviation "Corp." or "Inc." "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name.

B. Enter new principal office address, if applicable:
(Principal office address **MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS**)

N/A

C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:
(Mailing address **MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX**)

N/A

D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address:

Name of New Registered Agent: N/A

New Registered Office Address: (Florida street address)

_____, Florida
(City) (Zip Code)

New Registered Agent's Signature, if changing Registered Agent:

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position.

Signature of New Registered Agent, if changing

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If amending the Officers and/or Directors, enter the title and name of each officer/director being removed and title, name, and address of each Officer and/or Director being added:

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

Please note the officer/director title by the first letter of the office title:

P = President; V= Vice President; T= Treasurer; S= Secretary; D= Director; TR= Trustee; C = Chairman or Clerk; CEO = Chief Executive Officer; CFO = Chief Financial Officer. If an officer/director holds more than one title, list the first letter of each office held. President, Treasurer, Director would be PTD.

Changes should be noted in the following manner. Currently John Doe is listed as the PST and Mike Jones is listed as the V. There is a change, Mike Jones leaves the corporation, Sally Smith is named the V and S. These should be noted as John Doe, PT as a Change, Mike Jones, V as Remove, and Sally Smith, SV as an Add.

Example:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change	<u>PT</u>	<u>John Doe</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remove	<u>V</u>	<u>Mike Jones</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add	<u>SV</u>	<u>Sally Smith</u>

<u>Type of Action</u> (Check One)	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
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E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:
(attach additional sheets, if necessary). (Be specific)

See attached three pages of additional paragraphs (i) through (n) to be added to Article II of the Northwest Tampa Church
of Christ Articles of Incorporation.

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

Effective date if applicable: n/a
(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

Note: If the date inserted in this block does not meet the applicable statutory filing requirements, this date will not be listed as the document's effective date on the Department of State's records.

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 April 23, 2017

Signature Tracey Gray
(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)

Tracey Gray
(Typed or printed name of person signing)

President
(Title of person signing)

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
OF
NORTHWEST TAMPA CHURCH OF CHRIST, INC.

Article II shall be amended to include the following subsections

(i) *General Statement of Faith* The Northwest Tampa Church of Christ family is part of a world wide body of Christ followers who seek to adhere doctrinally to the non-denominational church of the first century. In this bond of fellowship, we believe in one God (Deuteronomy 6:4) (1 Corinthians 8:4), the God of the Bible, manifested in three persons; God the Father (Isaiah 64:8) (Ephesians 4:6) (1 Peter 1:2), God the Son (John 1:1-14) (Luke 1:35) and God the Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:2) (John 14:26) (Matthew 28:19). We believe the Bible is the inspired and infallible word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17) (2 Peter 1:20-21) that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind. In our unwavering belief in the absolute authority and sanctity of God's Word, the Bible, we are compelled to discount any and all human declarations or judgments that would seek to add to, distort, redefine or diminish its doctrinal purity (Deuteronomy 4:1-2) (Proverbs 30:5-6). These statements, as well as, all other statements of belief included in these Articles represent, in part, the sincerely held religious beliefs of the Northwest Tampa Church of Christ.

(j) *Authority and Governance* We believe that because of mankind's failure to live in harmony with God's will which resulted in spiritual separation from God, He established His earthly Kingdom, the church, the Body of Christ, (2 Corinthians 5:18-21) (Ephesians 1:20-23) (Colossians 2:9-10) (Hebrews 2:17), in order to provide a pathway of reconciliation through the redemptive work and sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. We believe that God ordained that His church is to be overseen and shepherded by a plurality of elders (1 Timothy 5:17) (Titus 1:5) who serve their local congregation as the governing body. These individuals are selected by the local congregation on the basis of qualifications ordained in scripture (1 Timothy 3:1-7). There exists neither central headquarters nor hierarchy outside the local church with theological and doctrinal oversight and/or authority. For purposes of the Northwest Tampa Church of Christ's faith, doctrine, practice and policy, the undersigned currently serving Elders are the church's final interpretive authority on the bible's meaning and application.

(k) *Marriage, Gender and Sexuality* We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as biological male or biological female. (Hereinafter, throughout articles, “male” and “female”). These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen 1:26-27). We believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning; the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in scripture. (Gen 2:18-25). We believe that God’s perfect and irrefutable law requires that sexual intimacy occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5) (Hebrews 13:4). We believe that any form of sexual immorality including adultery, fornication, homosexual and bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography is sinful and offensive to God. (Matthew 15:18-20) (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the Northwest Tampa Church of Christ and provide a biblical role model to our members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by or serve within this congregation in any capacity believe and abide in this statement concerning marriage, gender, and sexuality (Matthew 5:16) (Philippians 2:14-16) (1 Thessalonians 5:22). As such, it is a requirement that all employees affirm this statement at the time of their employment and hold to this statement throughout their term of employment. Failure to believe, teach, and live the beliefs stated herein constitutes a basis for termination.

(l) *Marriage Policy* Because God has ordained marriage and defined it as the covenant relationship between a man and a woman, the Northwest Tampa Church of Christ will only recognize marriages between a biological man and a biological woman. Further, the elders, deacons and ministry staff serving this church may not officiate and/or actively participate in weddings except between one man and one woman.

(m) *Sanctity of Human Life* We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image (Genesis 1:26-27). Human life is, therefore, of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born infants, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life.

(n) *Facility Use* Church facilities have been provided through God’s benevolence, guidance and sacrificial generosity of church members and friends. All facilities and accommodations are to be used for the glory of God and may not be used in a way that would

that conflict with this church's faith and moral teachings as stated herein. Further, all uses of the facilities must have a religious purpose, as determined by the Elders of the church. Any religious or other ceremony held at the church facilities may only be officiated by an elder, deacon, ministry staff or other individual approved by the elders after an affirmation of this church's faith and moral teachings as stated herein. The undersigned currently serving Elders are the final decision making body concerning use of church facilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We, the undersigned, have executed these Articles of Amendment for the purposes stated Herein

Tracey Gray
Signature

Tracey Gray
Printed name

Bob Matthews
Signature

Bob Matthews
Printed name

Timothy Thompson
Signature

Timothy Thompson
Printed name

Keith Boyer
Signature

George Forcht
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George L. Forcht
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Keith Boyer
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Lewis Patterson
Signature

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