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# AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF <u>MANDARIN BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.</u> <u>A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION – CHARTER #763809</u>

The undersigned hereby file these amended and restated Articles of Incorporation to maintain this not for profit corporation under Chapter 617, *Florida Statutes*, and certify as follows:

# ARTICLE ONE -<u>NAME</u>

The name of this corporation shall continue to be MANDARIN BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

# ARTICLE TWO -<u>STATEMENT OF CORPORATE NATURE</u>

This is a not for profit corporation organized solely for religious and general charitable purposes pursuant to Chapter 617. *Florida Statutes*.

# ARTICLE 3 -GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

The specific and primary purpose for which this corporation is formed are to operate for the advancement of religion or other charitable purposes by the distribution of its funds for such purposes to engage, by all lawful means, in any and all lawful purposes of a corporation not for profit pursuant to the laws of the United States and the laws of the state of Florida.

The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for such religious purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for such purposes the making of distributions to organizations would qualify as tax-exempt organizations under that Code.

This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

## ARTICLE 4 -<u>TERM</u>

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This corporation shall have a perpetual existence.

# ARTICLE 5 -MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall have a membership as set forth in the Bylaws; from which Directors/Trustees will be nominated and elected. Any person agreeing to be bound by the bylaws and other governing documents of this corporation (as well as such rules and regulations as the membership may, from time to time, adopt) is eligible for consideration as a member in the corporation. The Bylaws shall set forth the form and manner by which application may be made for membership.

# ARTICLE 6 -SUBSCRIBERS

The names and addresses of the subscribers of this corporation when it was initially formed in 1982 remain as follows:

Donald Baldwin	12987 Mandarin Road Jacksonville, Florida 32223
Robert King	10873 Scott Mill Road Jacksonville, Florida 32217
Evelyn King	10873 Scott Mill Road Jacksonville, Florida 32217
Alberta Smith	3915 Burnett Park Road Jacksonville, Florida 32217

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# ARTICLE SEVEN -LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTERED AGENT

The principal office of this corporation is to be located in Duval County Florida. The Principal address and mailing address for this corporation shall be the same, and located at:

# 11244 San Jose Blvd Jacksonville, Florida 32223

The name and address of this corporation's registered agent is as follows:

## Linda I. Beaty 3255 Ricky Road Jacksonville, Florida 32223

## ARTICLE EIGHT -MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The powers of this corporation shall be vested in and maintained by the membership of this corporation. Such powers shall be exercised by and through it Directors/Trustees and subject to the oversight and control of the membership. The number of trustees of the corporation shall be

not less than three; provided, however, that such number may be increased from time to time by the Bylaws duly adopted by the members.

The manner by which Directors/Trustees are nominated and elected (as well as the scope of, and limitations place upon, their authority) shall be as set forth in the corporation's Bylaws.

## ARTICLE NINE -<u>BYLAWS</u>

Subject to the limitations contained in the bylaws and any limitations set forth in the Florida law, the Bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, augmented (or new bylaws may be adopted) by following the procedure set forth therefor in the Bylaws currently in force and effect.

## ARTICLE TEN -DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious and charitable purposes. No part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any Director/Trustee, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

## ARTICLE ELEVEN -DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, any and all assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall only be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is affiliated with either the Jacksonville Baptist Association, the Florida Baptist Convention and/or the Southern Baptist Convention (such entity also being organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax law). The specific identity of such entities (or entities) shall be determined by vote of the membership at the time of such dissolution.

## ARTICLE TWELVE -ADOPTION & CONSOLIDATION

These Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation contain amendments to the original Articles of Incorporation, and therefore, required the approval of the membership. The corporation held a validly-called business meeting on or about <u>September 13</u>, 2020, and the votes cast at such meeting were sufficient to approve the adoption and filing of these Amended and Restate Articles.

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

# ARTICLE THIRTEEN -AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendments to these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by resolution adopted by the Directors/Trustees and presented to a quorum of members for their vote. The process by which proposed amendments shall be brought to the membership shall be the same as the process for amending the corporation's Bylaws, but shall require no less than a 70% majority of members of the corporation present and voting on the issue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned Directors/Trustees of Mandarin Baptist Church, Inc., upon the authority vested in us by Chapter 617. *Florida Statues*, as well as the approval/direction of the corporation's membership, have executed and directed the filing of these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation on this 1.5 day of  $5eptembe R_{-}$ , 2020.

We submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. We are each 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*.

Robert Pinder, Trustee

David Lampp, Trustee

Jim Davis, Trustee



I hereby certify that on this day personally appeared before me, the Trustee, <u>Robert Pinder</u>, who after being by me first duly sworn, stated on his oath that he signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and official seal this 15 day of <u>September</u>2020.

(SEAL)



Notary Public, State of Florida

I hereby certify that on this day personally appeared before me, the Trustee, <u>David Lampp</u>, who after being by me first duly sworn, stated on his oath that he signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and official seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of <u>September</u>, 2020.

(SEAL)



Notary Public, State of Florida

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF <u>Clay</u>

I hereby certify that on this day personally appeared before me, the Trustee, <u>Jim Davis</u>, who after being by me first duly sworn, stated on his oath that he signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and official seal this 15 day of Septembre 2020.



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