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Articles of Incorporation
of
Faith Community Baptist Church, Inc.
(a Florida Not-for-Profit Religious Corporation)

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Article I
Name and Principle Office

The name of this Corporation is **FAITH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.** This Corporation will be further referred to in the Bylaws as the "Church." The Church office is presently located at 661 N.E. 203rd Lane, North Miami Beach, Florida. The Church shall have full power and authority to change the principle office from one location to another.

Article II
Purpose

The Purpose of this Church is to glorify God by obeying the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 18-20). The process is designed to produce disciples of Jesus Christ, which involves at least the following four categories.

1. **Worship-(Celebrating)** "To love God with all your heart. . ." (Matt. 22:36-40)
2. **Ministry-(Caring)** "Love your neighbor as yourself . . ." (Matt. 22:36-40)
3. **Evangelism-(Cultivating)** "Go. . . and make disciples . . ." (Matt. 28:18-20)
4. **Discipleship-(Communicating)** "Teach them to observe. . ." (Matt. 28:18-20)

Article III
Statement of Faith

We affirm the Holy Bible as the inspired Word of God, and as the only basis for our beliefs. Although it is not binding this Church accepts " The Baptist Faith and Message," a 1963 affirmation of basic Christian beliefs, as a general statement of our faith.

Article IV
Affiliation

This Church is autonomous and maintains the right to govern its own affairs, independent of any denomination control. Recognizing, however, the benefits of cooperation with other churches in world mission, this Church voluntarily affiliates with the Southern Baptist Convention in its national, state and local expressions and the National Baptist Association.

Article V
Membership

Section I: General

Membership in this Church shall consist of all persons who have met the requirements for membership.

Section II: Qualification for Membership

1. A personal commitment of faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.
2. Baptism by immersion as a testimony of salvation.
3. Completion of the Church's membership class and its requirements.
4. Basic agreement with the Church's statement of faith.
5. Such other requirements and/or qualifications as may be outlined in the Bylaws of the Church.

Section III: Designation of Membership

In an effort to properly reflect the membership of the Church, membership roll(s) will be maintained as outlined in the Bylaws of the Church.

Section IV: Rights, Termination and Restoration of Membership

The Rights of Membership, Termination of Membership and Restoration of Membership shall be outlined in the Bylaws of the Church.

Section V: Voting Limitations

Each member is entitled to one vote. Additional entitlements and limitation on voting shall be outlined in the Bylaws of the Church.

Article VI
Church Officers
Directors of the Corporation

Section I:

The officers of the Church will consist of a minimum of three persons. The lay officers will be appointed by the Pastor and affirmed by the Church annually, and will serve for a period of at least one year. Each officer will be an active/resident member of the Church.

Section II:

a. The Senior Pastor will serve as the President of the Corporation and will be the moderator of the Church. He will lead the staff and have the responsibility to hire and dismiss staff as needed. In the Pastors absence a director of the corporation can act as moderator or the church can approve a moderator to serve by majority vote.

b. The Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation will oversee and cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct books and records of accounts of the corporation. He shall also oversee the reception and disbursement of funds.

c. The Church Clerk will serve as the Secretary of the Corporation.

d. Other trustee officers shall be appointed by the pastor and affirmed by the church as needed or as outlined in the Churches Bylaws.

Section III

The officers of the Church are hereby designated as the Officers and Directors of the Corporation as the term is defined and used in the state of Florida's Not-for-Profit Corporation Code.

Section IV

It shall be the duty of the Directors (Trustees) to perform two specific tasks.

(1) Act as legal representatives of the church and to take such actions and execute any documents necessary to accomplish the purpose of any matter, which concern any real, personal, or intangible property of the Church.

(2) Meet annually with the other non-staff Directors to recommend the Pastor's salary for the annual budget.

Section V

In the event that the pulpit becomes vacant either by the pastor's resignation or the pastor's physical inability to perform the duties of pastor. The pastoral staff will recommend a candidate to the congregation for approval as pastor. In the absence of pastoral staff, the congregation can elect a pulpit committee to serve as needed.

Section VI

Initial Officers:

Senior Pastor-Teacher/President:

Reverend Lester L. Ward, Sr.
13421 S.W. 26th Street
Miramar, FL 33027

Clerk:

Otholita Thompson
661 N.E. 203rd Lane
North Miami Beach, FL 33179

Chief Financial Officer:

Ralph Pressley, Sr.
1367 N.W. 95th Terrace
Miami, FL 33147

Section VII

Initial Directors/Board of Trustees:

Ralph Pressley, Sr.
1367 N.W. 95th Terrace
Miami, FL 33147

Rev. Ricardo Peters
1940 N.W. 153rd Street
Opa-Locka, FL 33054

Steven J. Hayes
1350 N.W. 111th Street
Miami, FL 33167

Gary Thompson
661 N.E. 203rd Street
North Miami Beach, FL 33179

Sonny Marshall
940 Sharazad Blvd.
Opa-Locka, FL 33054

Steven Williams
100 N.E. 99th Street
Miami Shores, FL 33138

Article VII Church Bylaws

The Church Bylaws and Constitution shall be adopted at a special meeting of the Senior Pastor/Teacher, Officers and Directors/Board of Trustees. The Bylaws may be altered, amended or rescinded in such manner as may be provided in the Bylaws.

Article VIII
Corporate Responsibility

The property of this corporation is dedicated to religious, educational, and Godly social advancement.

Article IX
Registered Agent

The name and address of the registered agent is: Ottolita Thompson
99 N.W. 183rd Street, Suite 100C
Miami, FL 33169

Article X
Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator is: Reverend Lester L. Ward, Sr.
13421 S.W. 26th Street
Miramar, FL 33027

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.


Signature/Registered Agent

9/26/01
Date


Signature/Incorporator

09/25/01
Date

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