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RE: Everglades Community Church, a United  
Methodist Congregation, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed herein for filing please find the original and one executed set of the Articles of Incorporation for Everglades Community Church, a United Methodist Congregation, Inc., together with the Resident Agent forms.

Please be kind enough to return a certified copy of these filings, together with a Certificate of Good Standing. My check in the amount of \$87.50 is enclosed.

If any additional funds are needed, please call my office.

Yours sincerely,

  
Raymond J. Posgay

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cc: Patric L. Jones, Esquire

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
EVERGLADES COMMUNITY CHURCH, A UNITED  
METHODIST CONGREGATION, INC.**

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The undersigned, all of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a corporation, not for profit, under the laws of the State of Florida, Chapter 617.0202, Florida Statutes, do hereby certify:

**FIRST: NAME:** The name of said corporation shall be **EVERGLADES COMMUNITY CHURCH, A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION, INC.**

**SECOND: PRINCIPAL OFFICE:** The place where the principal office of the corporation is to be located is **20170 Pines Boulevard, Suite 302, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33029.**

**THIRD: PURPOSE:** The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is formed are as more fully set forth in the Discipline of The United Methodist Church or as may hereafter, from time to time, be amended including:

- (a) The promotion of the Christian religion through the preaching of the Word of God, the administration of the sacraments, ordinances, and other means of grace, the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers, the evangelization of the world, and the promotion of the missionary and benevolence causes.
- (b) Receiving, holding, and disbursing gifts, bequests, and funds arising from all sources.
- (c) Acquiring, owning, and maintaining real estate, buildings, and other property real or personal, incidental, necessary, or proper to carry out said objects.
- (d) Doing of any and all things necessary or incident to the accomplishment of such purposes.
- (e) All of the above shall be in accordance with the Doctrines, Laws, Usages, Discipline, and Ministerial appointments of The United Methodist Church.

**FOURTH: INITIAL DIRECTORS-TRUSTEES:** The following persons shall serve as the initial directors-trustees of said corporation and shall serve as provided in The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church:

NAME	ADDRESS
Reverend Dr. M. Edwin Green III	15701 SW 51 <sup>st</sup> Manor Fort Lauderdale, FL 33331
Patric L. Jones, Trustee-Chairperson	15360 NW 6 <sup>th</sup> Court Pembroke Pines, FL 33028
Ed Lloyd, Trustee-Vice Chairperson	2907 SW 179 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Miramar, FL 33029
Clay Mitchell, Trustee-Secretary Treasurer	18003 SW 20 <sup>th</sup> Street Miramar, FL 33029

**FIFTH: TRANSFER OF UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION:** Upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation of **EVERGLADES COMMUNITY CHURCH, A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION, INC.**, the association now known as **EVERGLADES COMMUNITY CHURCH**, and the members of such association shall be members of such corporation, and all the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, franchises, authority, property, and obligations of such unincorporated association shall thereupon pass to, vest in, and be the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, franchises, authority, property, and obligations of **EVERGLADES COMMUNITY CHURCH, A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION, INC.**, a corporation not for profit.

**SIXTH: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS-TRUSTEES:** The corporation shall support the Doctrine of The United Methodist Church and all its property, both real and personal, shall be subject to the Discipline, Laws, Usages, and Ministerial appointments of The United Methodist Church as are now or shall be, from time to time, established, made, and declared by the lawful authority of the said Church and the initial Directors-Trustees named herein shall thereafter be elected in accordance with The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church.

**SEVENTH: POWERS:** The corporation, in conformity with the Discipline of The United Methodist Church, shall have the power to receive, acquire, and hold title, in trust or otherwise, to real and personal property, and to improve, encumber, lease, sell, convey and dispose of all such property.

**EIGHTH: ADDITIONAL POWERS:** Subject to the provisions of the Discipline, the corporation shall have the power to erect and maintain buildings for the worship of God, for training in Christian faith and conduct, and for Christian social intercourse, and to purchase, lease, and/or rent and otherwise acquire or build and maintain residences for the use and occupancy of its ministers.

**NINTH: THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE:** The business of this corporation shall be

conducted in conformity with the Discipline of The United Methodist Church as the same now exists or as may hereafter be amended, changed, or modified, and the bylaws of the corporation shall include the Discipline of The United Methodist Church and no bylaws shall be adopted inconsistent with the provisions of said Discipline.

In addition to the powers and duties granted to this corporation by the Discipline of The United Methodist Church, the corporation assumes for itself all the rights, powers, and privileges and immunities which are now, and which may be during the existence thereof be conferred by law upon corporation with a similar character, provided the same are not inconsistent with said Discipline. All amendments, bylaws, and regulations of this corporation shall at all times be in conformity with the Discipline of The United Methodist Church.

But notwithstanding the above, however, at no time shall any of the amendments, bylaws, or regulations of the corporation be prohibited by or in conflict with the nonprofit corporate laws of the State of Florida.

**TENTH: MEMBERSHIP:** The members of the corporation shall mean the membership of the corporation and shall be composed of such persons (ministerial and lay) as from time to time shall be defined in accordance with the Discipline of The United Methodist Church, and such members thereof shall have only such voting and other rights as now exist or may hereafter be granted by the Discipline of The United Methodist Church.

**ELEVENTH: INDEMNIFICATION:** The corporation shall indemnify and fully protect and exempt from any and all legal liability the individual officers and members, jointly and severally, of the corporation and the Charge, Annual, Jurisdictional, and General Conferences of The United Methodist Church, for and on account of the debts and other obligations of every kind and description of the local church to the full extent permitted by law.

**TWELFTH: BY-LAWS:** The By-Laws of the corporation shall include The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church as from time to time enacted, authorized, and declared by its General Conference; and no other by-law shall be adopted inconsistent with the provisions of the Discipline.

**THIRTEENTH: DISSOLUTION:** If for any reason the corporation shall be abandoned, discontinued, or cease to exist as a legal entity and its charter shall expire or be terminated, the title to all its property both real and personal shall be vested and be the property of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, pursuant to said Discipline of The United Methodist Church.

**FOURTEENTH: INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT:** The initial Registered Agent of the corporation is:

Patric L. Jones, Esquire

The Colonial Place  
1515 University Drive, Suite #113  
Coral Springs, FL 33071

FIFTEENTH: INCORPORATORS: The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

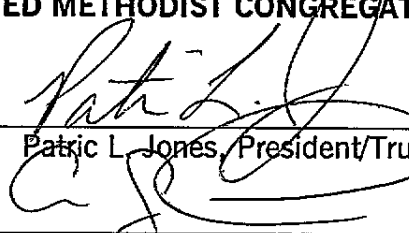
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18003 SW 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, **EVERGLADES COMMUNITY CHURCH, A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION, INC.**, has caused this Certificate to be executed for it and in its name by its Officers thereunto duly authorized, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001.

**EVERGLADES COMMUNITY CHURCH, A  
UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION, INC.**

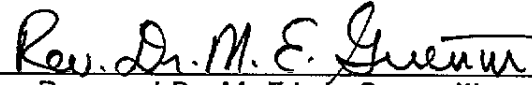
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Clay Mitchell, Secretary/Trustee

BY:   
Ed Lloyd, Vice President/Trustee

CONSENT:

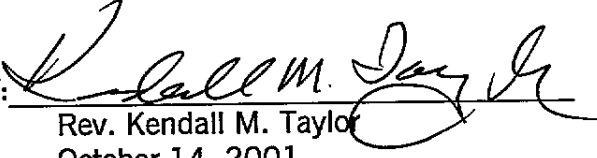
PASTOR:

BY:   
Reverend Dr. M. Edwin Green, III

October 14, 2001

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT,  
WEST PALM BEACH DISTRICT,  
FLORIDA CONFERENCE

BY:

  
Rev. Kendall M. Taylor  
October 14, 2001

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**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF FLA. STAT. § 607.0501 or § 617.0501, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

1. The name of the corporation is:

**EVERGLADES COMMUNITY CHURCH, A UNITED METHODIST  
CONGREGATION, INC.**

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

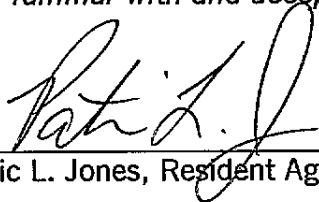
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*Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.*



Patric L. Jones, Resident Agent

Date: October 14, 2001