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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE VINEYARD OF OKEECHOBEE, INC.**

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The undersigned incorporator hereby forms a corporation under Section 617.01, Laws of Florida, applicable to corporations not for profit, under the following proposed charter:

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be **THE VINEYARD OF OKEECHOBEE, INC.**, to be located at 970 N.W. 113th Drive, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.

**ARTICLE II - OBJECT**

The general nature or the object of this corporation is to conduct for religious worship and instruction, churches, schools, pastoriums, and other institutions connected therewith of a religious, educational, charitable and benevolent character to the end that its own members and others may be generally instructed and guided concerning those articles of faith in Jesus Christ and to advance spiritual growth and enlightenment, moral and personal purity among its own membership and the people of the community in which it is located; to promote home and foreign missions; and to aid in the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth; also to educate, prepare and ordain Christian men and women for the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and this corporation, in addition to the powers named herein, shall have all powers set forth in Section 617.0302, Laws of Florida, Florida Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

Every person who believes in repentance toward God, and faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and who is willing to confess Him publicly as Lord and King and follow Him, and to observe His ordinances and to be governed by His laws, is qualified and eligible for membership in this corporation.

The manner of admission to membership in said corporation shall be by profession of faith as hereinabove provided and upon a favorable majority vote of the membership of said corporation present at any meeting of said Church. The present membership of Church of Bethesda at Okeechobee, Florida, and those hereinafter admitted into such membership shall constitute the membership of this corporation.

**ARTICLE IV - TERM**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

## **ARTICLE V - INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

ROBYN SPRADLIN, 970 N.W. 113th Drive, Okeechobee, Florida 34972

## **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS**

The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, such management to be subject to the approval of the membership of the corporation, and said Board of Trustees to be composed of not less than four (4) members to be elected from and by the membership of said corporation. The term of membership of said Trustees shall be for one year, or for such other length of time, not less than one year, as the membership of this corporation may provide by its by-laws. The said Board of Trustees shall appoint from its own membership a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. All legal instruments of the corporation shall be signed by said Chairman or Vice-Chairman, sealed with the corporate seal and attested by said Secretary or in such manner as may be authorized by law. All elections to membership on said Board of Trustees shall be a majority vote of the members of said corporation present at any business meeting of said corporation. The Board of Trustees will be considered as Board of Directors.

The names and addresses of the persons constituting the first Board of Trustees who shall hold office for the first year of the corporation's existence, or until their successors are elected and have qualified are:

| NAME              | ADDRESS  |
|-------------------|--|
| ROBYN SPRADLIN    | 970 N.W. 113th Drive<br>Okeechobee, Florida 34972  |
| JEAN ANN BROOKMAN | 1030 N.W. 113th Drive<br>Okeechobee, Florida 34972 |
| ROBERT HINES      | 1064 N.W. 113th Drive<br>Okeechobee, Florida 34972 |
| TOM ELLIS         | 1011 N.W. 7th Street<br>Okeechobee, Florida 34974  |
| ROBERT KERN       | 970 N.W. 113th Drive<br>Okeechobee, Florida 34972  |

In addition to said Board of Trustees, said corporation shall have a Moderator/President, Vice-Moderator/Assistant Pastor, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be necessary and such officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the corporation present at any business meeting of said corporation for such term as the corporation may provide by its by-laws.

## ARTICLE VII - FIRST OFFICERS

The names of the officers who are to manage all the affairs of the corporation until the first election under this Charter are as follows:

| <u>Office</u>                            | <u>Name</u>       | <u>Address</u>                                     |
|--|-------------------|--|
| Moderator/Pastor                         | ROBYN SPRADLIN    | 970 N.W. 113th Drive<br>Okeechobee, Florida 34972  |
| Assistant Moderator/<br>Assistant Pastor | ROBERT HINES      | 1064 N.W. 113th Drive<br>Okeechobee, Florida 34972 |
| Secretary/Treasurer                      | JEAN ANN BROOKMAN | 1030 N.W. 113th Drive<br>Okeechobee, Florida 34972 |

## ARTICLE VIII - BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of this corporation are to be made, altered or rescinded upon a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting of the corporation.

## ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT

Amendments to these articles of incorporation may be proposed and adopted at any time by the Board of Trustees, after giving not less than fifteen (15) days notice to the members of this organization.

## ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of this corporation, all of the assets of this corporation remaining after the payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organizations and institutions devoted to the purposes for which this corporation is organized and operated and shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or as hereafter amended, and none of the assets shall be distributed to any member, officer, director or trustee of this corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and subscribed these Articles of Incorporation this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002.

  
Robyn Spradlin

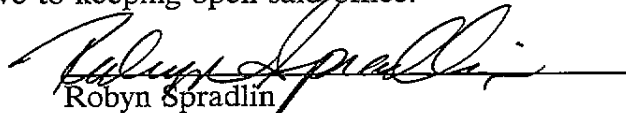
**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE  
FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE  
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

In pursuance of Chapter 617.023, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

That THE VINEYARD OF OKEECHOBEE, INC., a corporation not for profit, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, has named ROBYN SPRADLIN located at 970 N.W. 113th Drive, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, to accept service of process within this state.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

  
Robyn Spradlin

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