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# FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

Vineyard Church of Palm Beach Gardens, Inc.

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF VINEYARD CHURCH OF PALM BEACH GARDENS, INC.

#### A CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not For Profit Law set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

#### ARTICLE I

#### CORPORATE NAME

The name of the Corporation is:

VINEYARD CHURCH OF PALM BEACH GARDENS, INC.

#### ARTICLE II

#### PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation is:

136 Sherwood Circle # 17 C Jupiter, FL 33458 02 APR -2 PH 1: 40
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#### ARTICLE III

#### **DURATION**

The period of duration of this Corporation is perpenual, unless dissolved according to law.

Corporate existence shall commence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE IV

## SPECIFIC AND GENERAL PURPOSES

The specific and general purposes for which the Corporation is formed are:

- (a) To increasingly include and involve people in the rule and reign of God by proclaiming the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through every available means, and particularly through the formation of diverse communities of people who are committed to being and making authentic followers of Jesus, and
- (b) To operate exclusively in any other manner for such charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

#### ARTICLE V

#### MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation may, but need not, admit any person as a member of the Corporation upon such conditions and with such privileges as the Board of Directors may approve by a majority vote. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no member so admitted shall have any right to receive notice of, vote in, or otherwise participate in any meeting regarding the operations or affairs of the Corporation unless otherwise expressly provided in the Bylaws.

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#### ARTICLE VI

#### REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address and city of the initial registered agent of the Corporation is as follows:

136 Sherwood Circle # 17 C . Jupiter, FL 33458

The name of the registered agent at such address is Michael Bishop.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The powers of this Corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors of the Corporation shall be no less than three, and shall otherwise be established and regulated by the Bylaws. Directors of the Corporation shall be elected in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### INITIAL DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

NAME ADDRESS

Michael Bishop 136 Sherwood Circle # 17 C, Jupiter, FL 33458

Mark Bishop 14565 78th Place North, Loxahatchee, FL 33470

3. Terrence Freeman II 174 Santa Barbara Way, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

The Directors named herein as the initial Board of Directors shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified at the first annual meeting of the Board at which time an election of Directors shall be conducted pursuant to the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

#### AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the directors then in office.

#### **ARTICLE X**

#### EARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION

- A. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes as set forth in Article IV hereof.
- B. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions

to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this Corporation.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of the Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious, educational, charitable and scientific purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of the Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any member, director, or officer, or to the benefit of any private individual.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to

such organization or organizations as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not for Profit Law of the State of Florida, the Bylaws of this Corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new Bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the Board of Directors, or by following the procedure set forth therefor in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XIV

#### INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator of this Corporation is as follows:

Michael Bishop #17 6 136 Sherwood Circle Jupiter, FL 33458

The undersigned, being the Incorporator of this Corporation, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, has executed these Articles of Incorporation, this  $\frac{2q^4}{4}$  day of March, 2002.

Michael Bishop, Incorporator

#### ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all the Statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I accept the duties and obligations of Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes.

Michael Bishop, Registered Agent

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