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"And I will gather the
nations of my flock
out of all countries"
Jeremiah 23:3a

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ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

to

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

PHILADELPHIA EVANGELICAL CHURCH Inc.
(present name)

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(Document Number of Corporation (If known))

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.

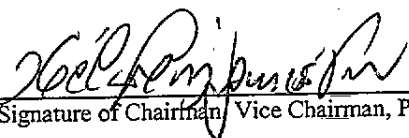
FIRST: Amendment(s) adopted: (INDICATE ARTICLE NUMBER (S) BEING AMENDED, ADDED OR DELETED.)

Article 4- Being amended (see attached)
amendment

SECOND: The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: August 1, 2002

THIRD: Adoption of Amendment (CHECK ONE)

- ☒ The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.
- ☐ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the board of directors.


Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or other officer

Helio L. Pacheco
Typed or printed name

Director

Title

August 1, 2002
Date

This religious corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and the following purposes:

(a) To disseminate the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Word of God, to the end that people may be evangelized and believers may be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15-16; Isaiah 6:8; Acts 13:47; II Corinthians 5:20); to regularly assemble for fellowship to worship God in Spirit and in truth (Hebrews 10:25) and to cooperate in the building up of the whole body of Christ (Ephesians 2:19-22).

(b) To provide basic New Testament discipleship to all who are approved for this purpose by the Elders. (Acts 6:7, 11:26, 14:20-23)

(c) To establish and maintain a church and to provide a place of public worship and prayer in accordance with the directions of the Holy Spirit (I Kings 8:28-29; Psalms 122:1; I Corinthians 5:4); to spread the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the preaching and teaching of the Bible to bring the unsaved to Christ (Mark 16:15; Romans 1:15-16; Matthew 28:20; II Thessalonians 2:13-14; II Timothy 3:15), and to build up the saved in Christian grace and living. (Ephesians 4:11-16; I Corinthians 3:9-15) Pursuant thereto, the following activities and guidelines shall be established:

1. A recognized Statement of Faith, Code of Doctrine, discipline (Revelation 3:19; Titus 2:15, 3:10) and form of worship shall be established. (Acts 8:37, 15:11, 16:31; I Thessalonians 4:14-17; Hebrews 13:17)
2. A biblical form of government shall be established. (Exodus 18; Ephesians 4:8-11; I Corinthians 12:27-31)
3. Ordination of ministers upon completion of the prescribed course of Study, designated by this church. (Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23; I Timothy 3)

4. An organization of ministers shall be established to minister to the congregation of **PHILADELPHIA EVANGELICAL CHURCH INC.** (Colossians 4:17; I Corinthians 16:15)
5. Establishment of a covenant fellowship based upon acceptance of and conformity to the belief of the church. (Acts 15:41, 16:5)
6. Propagate the Word of the Gospel through seminars, the establishment of Church literature and other forms of mass media for the purpose of educating the individual in the Word of God. (Mark 13:10; Acts 13:47)
7. Establishment of various religious services pursuant to the recognized Statement of Faith, form of worship, discipline of the church, and the establishment of Sunday school and religious schools for Christians and educational instruction of children and adults to exalt the standard of Christian living and the divine leadership of our divine Lord and Master. (Proverbs 8:10; Zephaniah 3:7; II Timothy 3:16)
8. Establishment of a Bible Training School or School of Theology for the preparation of ministers who minister to **PHILADELPHIA EVANGELICAL CHURCH INC.** And to ordain ministers and Christian workers to the edification and the unity of the body of Christ. (Psalms 40:9-10; John 14:26; I Peter 4:6)

(d) To print, publish, and distribute and sell books, magazines, and other literature in connection with the purposes of this corporation; to sell, record and reproduce tapes, radio, and television programs in connection with the purposes of this corporation to produce and distribute radio and television programs. (Deuteronomy 31:19; I Chronicles 16:23-24; Habakkuk 2:2).

(e) To provide a prayer ministry to assist those in the church and those in need who need agreement in receiving a touch from the Lord. (Acts 12:5; Isaiah 53:12; I Timothy 2:1-4)

(f) To carry on charitable work for:

- The poor and lost (Leviticus 25:35; Matthew 25:34-40; Galations 6:10);
- Feed the Hungary Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry, Clothes Closet (Matthew 25:35; Luke 3:11, 4:18);
- Prison Ministry (Matthew 25:36-40);
- After-care Center for Released Prisoners (Job 3:18; Psalms 69:33; Isaiah 49:9-10);
- Sick and Shut-in Ministry (James 5:14-15);
- Unwed Mother's home (Luke 1:39-40, 56);
- Abused Wives and Children's Home (Deuteronomy 10:18; Acts 6:1; I Timothy 5:3-8);
- Housing for the Homeless and Runaways (Leviticus 25:35; Proverbs 19:17; Luke 3:11; II Corinthians 8:14-15);
- Care for and assist handicapped individuals (Leviticus 19:32; Luke 14:13-14);
- To provide ministry to homosexuals and prostitutes, so they may be taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 6:9-11; Luke 14:12-24; Matthew 22:2-10; John 8:1-11);
- To provide homes for the aged (Leviticus 19:32; Psalms 71:9);
- To provide child placement services and adoptive services (Psalms 127:3; Exodus 22:22-23; Deuteronomy 10:18);
- Housing for those with addictive behavior (Luke 4:18; Joel 2:32);
- Drug and Alcohol Program (Isaiah 5:11; Habakkuk 2:15; Matthew 9:12);
- The mentally disturbed (Matthew 4:24; Luke 8:27, 35-36)

(g) To assist the Ministers to the Body of Christ by establishing a retreat center to minister to them. (Proverbs 9:9, 11:25; Mark 6:31)

- (h) To establish, maintain, and conduct seminars for the instruction of children and adults for religious instruction. (Psalms 40:9-10; Proverbs 22:6; II Timothy 3:16)
- (i) To own and operate Radio and Television Stations for the purpose of the dissemination of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through word and music. (Psalms 96:10; Mark 13:10; Acts 13:47; Deuteronomy 31:19; I Chronicles 16:23-24; Psalms 68:4)
- (j) To establish and maintain an educational institution, and not for pecuniary gain; for the establishment, maintenance, and support of a private Christian elementary and secondary schools (Christian Academy) at which both charity and pay students shall be received; for the establishment, maintenance, and support of a private Christian day care center and nursery school at which both charity and pay students shall be received. (Mark 10:14; Luke 18:16-17)
- (k) To establish and maintain a theological college of higher education and training in the Bible, Biblical languages, Christian theology and literature, and such training in the mathematics, history, science, languages, and scripture as are needful and appropriate to the education and training of ministers of the Gospel, missionaries in foreign and home fields, Bible teachers, and other Christian workers in various lines of religious, benevolent, and philanthropic work. The institution shall grant appropriate degrees and provide for the proper regulation and control of its students. The institution shall offer admittance and equal advantages to all students who possess the requisite literary, moral, and other qualifications; irrespective of their particular denomination or religious profession, and both charity and pay students shall be used to extend the charity work, but not part of the income shall be received, wherein the income from the pay students shall be used to extend the charity work, but not part of the income shall ever be paid or distributed to its members, directors, or officers, other than reasonable compensation for services rendered. Such institutions within the church shall have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students, and shall not discriminate against applicants and students on the basis of race, color, and national or ethnic origin. (Psalms 40:9-10; II Timothy 2:2, 24-25, 3:16; I Corinthians 14:12)
- (l) To establish and maintain a Christian bookstore for the benefit of the students and members of the Church and their guests. (Psalms 68:11; Romans 15:4; II Timothy 3:16)
- (m) To establish and maintain a counseling service for the use of the Christian and public, and to provide access to such counseling service by virtue of telephonic communication (Proverbs 12:15, 25, 15:22, 20:18, 24:6; I Thessalonians 5:14); to assist the Body of Christ with employment and financial counseling including off-site Institute of Vocation (Job Training) (I Corinthians 3:8; Ecclesiastes 9:10; I Timothy 6:9-10); A Christians Human Services Group (I Corinthians 10:24; Luke 6:34; Galations 5:13, 6:10); and to provide for ministry through Family Services. (Deuteronomy 15:7; Matthew 5:42; Galations 6:2; Hebrews 13:16)
- (n) To provide home care programs for the members of the church, their families, and friends as a way to network the church and its associate ministries. (I Timothy 5:4; Acts 2:46, 5:42, 20:20)
- (o) To conduct Christian retreats, tours, seminars, camps, and to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the various media. (Jeremiah 3:15; Psalms 32:8, 37:30)

- (p) .To conduct praise and worship programs for worship leaders; to conduct college outreach meetings and establish a student center of praise and worship; and to conduct all praise and worship outreach programs necessary to the dissemination of the Word of God throughout the world by way of the song of the Lord. (Exodus 18:20; Psalms 69:30, 113:3; II Timothy 2:24)
- (q) To provide homes for the aged (Leviticus 19:32); to provide retirement homes for the faithful ministers and saints (Numbers 8:24-26); to care for the aged (Leviticus 19:32; I Timothy 5:17), and to provide housing for the working staff of the church. (Joshua 21:1-8)
- (r) To establish and raise up a ministry of arts including: banners (Psalms 20:5, 60:4; Isaiah 13:2), the dance (Psalms 149:3, 150:4), drama (Deuteronomy 11:7; Psalms 103:7, 145:4, 11-12), and mime. (Ecclesiastes 9:17)
- (s) To assist churches, ministers, and ministries in the dissemination of God's Word through the various avenues of media; and to provide quality service of such to the Body of Christ. (Isaiah 41:6; Numbers 11:17; I Corinthians 16:16)
- (t) To establish and raise up satellite churches and pastors to lead them; establish auxiliaries, clubs, and societies of a religious nature, and to promote and encourage Christian fellowship between its members. (Acts 15:41, 16:5)
- (u) To operate under the name as set forth in Article 1 above; to adopt and assume names in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes (Revelation 2:17); to exercise such other and incidental powers as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the church is established, provided that such incidental powers shall be exercised in a manner consistent with its tax exempt status as a religious organization as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986 as amended, of the United States of America.

The several clauses contained in this Article shall be constructed both as purposes and powers, and the statements contained in each clause, shall except where otherwise expressed, be in no wise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clauses, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers.

- (v) To join, merge, or unite with any other church or religious society having the same ideals, aims and purposes of this church; to associate and cooperate freely with other churches and with missionary organizations and branches as a free and independent fellowship body in accord with its own conscience and the wisdom of God, as the church perceives it to be, but in every case and in every act and in practice or association does and shall do so as a free church, always retaining its sovereignty and independence, and in no case whatsoever as an act of subjection nor precedent or amenability nor as an active or passive or implied affiliation nor in any as relinquishing its perpetual legal independence and sovereignty as a church. (I Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:16)
- (w) To have the right to purchase or acquire by gift, bequest, or otherwise, either directly or as a trustee, and to hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease, or otherwise dispose of any real estate or personal property as may be necessary for the furtherance of the church and Christian education; and to conduct financial campaigns to further the aims and progress of the church. (Ezra 8:28)

(x) To buy, purchase, own, construct, hold, keep, control, maintain, operate, conduct, occupy, use, take by lease, or otherwise acquire, sell, assign, transfer, exchange, convey, let, deal or traffic in or with, lease, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of any and all kinds of real estate, houses, buildings, structures, places of worship, rest, or recreation for employees and members of the corporation; to do and transact all matters incident thereto or connected therewith; and to apply for, take, purchase, convey, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of any and all rights, permits, powers, privileges, franchises, licenses, and concessions necessary or in any matter requisite for the doing of anything mentioned in this paragraph.

(y) To purchase or otherwise acquire lands and interest in lands whether leasehold, in fee, or otherwise, situated within or without the State of Florida and to own, hold, improve by building or otherwise and to deal in or with or to lease out or otherwise use for corporate and income purposes, or to encumber, sell, and dispose of any such real estate or improvements or any interest therein, or to lease the same either as landlord or tenant; and to purchase, construct, and otherwise acquire and to own, maintain, and operate buildings of any character, for the corporate purposes.

(z) To employ qualified counsel and other necessary personnel to carry out the purposes of this church. (James 5:4)

(aa) To further all religious and charitable work and for such purposes to adopt and establish Bylaws, rules, and regulations in accordance with the law and not inconsistent with this Articles of Incorporation. (Joshua 1:7-8; Habakkuk 2:2-3)

(bb) To do all those things allowed and permitted to do it under law and specifically those set forth in the Florida Not-For Profit Corporation Law so long as the same are allowable by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.