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May 10, 2002

Business Organization Filing Section Division of Corporations Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: L'Eglise Baptiste du Tabernacle, Inc.

## Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the following items submitted for a Florida Non-Profit Incorporation:

Articles of Incorporation (2 copies)

Check in the amount of \$78.75

Incorporation Fee - \$35.00

Designation of Registered Agent - \$35.00

Certificate Under Seal - \$8.75

If all is in order, please send your Letter of Notification, the Certificate Under Seal and one copy of the Articles to the letterhead address above.

Sincerely,

Clement H. White

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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

May 16, 2002

CLEMENT H. WHITE, ESQ. 6261 THIRD AVENUE NORTH ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33710

SUBJECT: L'EGLISE BAPTISTE DU TABERNACLE, INC.

Ref. Number: W02000014179

We have received your document for L'EGLISE BAPTISTE DU TABERNACLE, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The articles of incorporation of a nonprofit corporation must be prepared in compliance with section 617.0202, Florida Statutes. Please refer to that section of the law for assistance.

We are enclosing the proper form(s) with instructions for your convenience.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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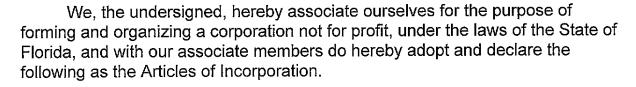
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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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# L'EGLISE BAPTISTE DU TABERNACLE, INC.



#### PREAMBLE

For the more certain preservation and security of the principles of our faith, and to the end that this body may be governed in an orderly manner consistent with the accepted tenets of the Southern Baptist Convention and for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual member of this church and the freedom of action of this body with respect to its relation to other churches of the same faith, we do declare and establish this as the Constitution and Charter of the Church.

# **ARTICLE I**

The name of the Corporation shall be L'EGLISE BAPTISTE DU TABERNACLE, INC. and it shall be located in the city of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida. This Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation shall exist in Perpetuity.

#### **ARTICLE II**

Section 1. The general nature of the object of the corporation shall be religious, benevolent, and educational, and as such it shall have all the powers incident to corporations of such character. The specific religious object of the church is for the worship of Almighty God, the extension of His Kingdom throughout the earth, and to associate its members in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, recognizing Him as their Savior and Ruler in all things.

Section 2. Policy: The government of this church is vested in the body of baptized believers who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual

counsel and cooperation which are common among Baptist churches, and so chooses voluntarily to affiliate and cooperate in the work and fellowship of the Suncoast Baptist Association, the Florida Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Section 3. Doctrine: This church receives the Scriptures as its authority in all matters of faith and practice. It takes the Bible and the Bible alone as the standard by which all matters of belief and conduct are to be decided. It holds that true Christianity does not consist of creeds and confessions of faith but is essentially the relationship of the regenerate believer to God in Christ through the Holy Spirit on the basis of the revealed Word. It shall encourage the freedom of the individual conscience, the voluntary principle, not the coercive principle, in religion.

## **ARTICLE III**

Section 1. The church shall elect such officers, directors or trustees, but no less than three, and may establish councils and committees and specify the number, method of election, qualifications, duties and functions in the bylaws.

Section 2. The corporation shall have full power to acquire by gift, grant, purchase, devise, legacy or otherwise, real estate for use of said church, and to hold, possess, enjoy, mortgage, alienate and dispose of same. No property belonging to the church shall be at anytime alienated or encumbered except by a majority vote of the members of the church, present and voting, at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose, the same having been presented and discussed at a regular or special meeting preceding by at least two weeks the said business meeting at which final vote is taken, and having been announced from the pulpit on the Lord's Day preceding such vote.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

Section 1. Qualifications: The membership of this church shall consist of such persons as confess Jesus Christ to be their Savior and Lord, and who (1) after due examination by the church as to their Christian experience, and, if coming from other churches, as to their letter of recommendations, (2) have been accepted by vote of the church, and having been baptized, (3) enter into its covenant. Anyone having been a member of a Baptist church, or a church of like faith and order, and having accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior and having been baptized, and in consequence of peculiar circumstances having no letter of recommendation, may be received by statement into the fellowship of the church.

Section 2. Duties: Members are expected to be faithful in all duties essential to the Christian life; to regularly attend the services of this church, to give regularly for its support and its cause, and to share in its organized work.

Section 3. Rights: Such members as are in full and regular standing, and such only, may act and vote in the transactions of the church. Each and every such member of the church has a right to a voice in the government, plans, and discipline of the church, since it is a true democracy at work.

Section 4. Quorum: A quorum for any regular or specially called business meeting shall be church members present and voting, except as otherwise stated in the church by-laws.

#### **ARTICLE V**

The initial corporate address is 7900 22nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL, 33710. The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is 7900 22nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Fl, 33710. The name of the initial registered agent at that address is OLIANT SAINT JACQUES.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

The name and address of the incorporators signing these Articles of Incorporation are:

NAME ADDRESS

Oliant Saint Jacques 5325 - 4th Street South

St. Petersburg, FL 33705

Pierre L. Eliacin 2690 Drew Street Apt. 609

Clearwater, FL 33759

Darlene Laraque 3934 - 36th Terrace South Apt. 30J

St. Petersburg, FL 33711

#### **ARTICLE VII**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, and church by-laws may be enacted, amended and rescinded by a two-thirds vote of the members

present at a regular or specially called business meeting at least two weeks prior to the vote.

- 1. Any amendments to the Articles or by-laws must be presented in writing at a regular or specially called business meeting at least two weeks prior to the vote.
- 2. An announcement must be made from the pulpit during the Lord's day morning worship service preceding the business meeting notifying the church of the proposed vote and specifying the subject, time and date of the business meeting plus a reference to the published text of the amendment(s).

#### ARTICLE VIII

THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE PERPETUAL. In the event of dissolution of this corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organizations which have qualified for exemption under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to another church of like faith and order, or to the Florida Baptist Convention or to the Southern Baptist Convention, and none of the remaining assets shall be distributed to any member, officer, or trustee of this corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned as incorporators and registered agent for the Corporation, so accepting that appointment, execute these Articles of Incorporation on the \( \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{2}} \) day of May, 2002.

Oliant Saint Jacques

Pierre L. Eliacin

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## STATE OF FLORIDA

# **COUNTY OF PINELLAS**

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me by OLIANT SAINT JACQUES, PIERRE L. ELIACIN, and DARLENE LARAQUE.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2002.

Notary Public, State of Florida

# Registered Agent's Acceptance

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named corporation, I hereby accept appointment as its 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 duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said corporation.

Oliant Saint Jacques

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