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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF RELIGIOUS CORPORATION

# Crossings Christian Fellowship, Inc.

(A Florida Non-Profit Corporation)

The UNDERSIGNED, with the capacity to contract, hereby executes and acknowledges these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Florida.

#### The UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

#### ARTICLE 1. NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this corporation shall be CROSSINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, INC. The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation shall be initially located is 1851 Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL 34232 and the initial mailing address of the Corporation shall be 4411 Bee Ridge Road, #233, Sarasota, FL 34233.

#### **ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE**

The specific purposes for which the corporation is initially organized is to educate, instruct, and inspire people to love and serve Jesus Christ. Therefore, the corporation will engage in activities which are necessary, suitable or convenient for the accomplishment of that purpose, or which are incidental theretomy connected therewith which are consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Eccle. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the religious purpose within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law. The purposes for which this corporation is organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

### ARTICLE 3. MEMBERS

a) Nonvoting Members. All persons interested in the objectives and belief's of this Corporation and in agreement with its "Statement of Principles and Beliefs" may become members of the Corporation upon application to and approval as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation. However, Membership in the corporation shall not vest in such Member a right to vote in the matters of the Corporation, except as provided herein or in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

(b) Voting Members. Members who are also paid staff or non-paid staff and sit on the Board of Pastors, shall have one vote in the matters of the Corporation as designated in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE 4. TERM

The date of commencement of corporate existence shall be when these Articles have been filed with the Department of State and approved by it and the respective filing fee has been paid; the term for which the corporation is to exist shall be perpetual. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code. In the event of dissolution of the corporation, no part of the corporation's earnings or assets shall inure to the benefit of any of its members; the residual assets of the corporation shall be distributed to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose.

#### ARTICLE 5. NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION - PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

No part of the net earning of the corporation shall ever 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 set forth in Article 2. 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other 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) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws.

#### ARTICLE 6. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The incorporators, desiring to organize this Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby designate the Corporation's Registered Office to be located at 1882 Beneva Court #1403 Sarasota FL 34232 and hereby designate Brett Matthew Watson, as the initial Registered Agent of the Corporation, to accept service of process within this State, to serve in such capacity until its successor is selected and duly designated.

#### **ARTICLE 7. INCORPORATORS**

The names and residence addresses of the subscribers to these Articles are as follows:

NAME

**ADDRESS** 

Brett Matthew Watson

1882 Beneva Court #1403

Sarasota FL 34232

#### ARTICLE 8. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The management of the Corporation shall be vested in THE Board of Directors and the Board of Pastors. The Board of Directors of the corporation shall consist of no less than three (3) directors as determined by the Bylaws. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Pastors in the manner set forth in the Bylaws. Directors may be removed and the vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws.

The Directors named in these Articles shall serve as Directors for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the Corporation, and any vacancies before then shall be filled in the manner set forth in the Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make provision for reasonable compensation to its members for their services as Directors and to fix the basis and conditions upon which this compensation shall be paid. Any Director may also serve the corporation in any other capacity and receive compensation therefrom in any form.

The names and addresses of the first Board of Directors are as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

Arnold D. Fredrick

4815 Barcelona Ave Sarasota FL 34235

Timothy P. Donohue Jr.

1882 Beneva Court #1403

Sarasota FL. 34232

C. Michael Watson

5786 Timberlake Drive Sarasota FL, 34243

ARTICLE 9. BYLAWS The first Bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be amended, altered or rescinded by the Board of Directors and the Board of Pastors in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE 10. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by statute or shall be authorized by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and Board of Pastors.

#### ARTICLE 11. - INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify any officer, director or employee of the Corporation, or any former officer, director or employee of the Corporation, to the fullest extent permitted by and as set forth in the Florida General Corporation Act.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, for the purposes of becoming a corporation not for profit under the provisions of the laws of Florida, do make and affix our signatures to acknowledge and file in the office of the Secretary of State these Articles of Incorporation.

## ACCEPTANCE TO ACT AS REGISTERED AGENT FOR A CORPORATION

Having been named as Registered Agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as Registered Agent and agree to act in this capacity and agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 48,091 relative to keeping open such office.

Fla. Notary Services & Bonding Co

Brett Matthew Watson

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