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Amendment Section  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
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Re: Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

Tabernacle of God Christian Church, Inc.,  
Document Number N02908

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed the original Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation for filing.

I am enclosing my office Trust check for \$35.00 for its filing. Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to my law office and my attention.

Should you have any questions please feel free to call. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
John P. Joseph  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

ENCLOSURES

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED**  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**

TABERNACLE OF GOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC., A FLORIDA CORPORATION  
NOT FOR PROFIT (formerly known as) THE REVIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
TABERNACLE OF DAVID, INC., (formally known as) EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH, INC., (formally known as originally incorporated) TAMPA EMMANUEL  
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, INC.,

**Document number: N02908**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1007, Florida Statutes, and Article VIII of the Corporation's original Articles of Incorporation, this Florida Not For Profit Corporation adopts the following amendment(s) and Restatement to its Articles of Incorporation as they were approved by at least 2/3rds vote of the Board of Directors on August 16, 2016 and by the corporation's Membership with a majority of votes in the affirmative which were sufficient for approval which took place on August 28, 2016.

**ARTICLE I**

**CORPORATE NAME**

The name of the corporation is:

TABERNACLE OF GOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC.,

**ARTICLE II**

**CORPORATE ADDRESS**

The principle place of business and street address of the Corporation is:

13302 Lynn Road

Tampa, Florida 33625

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **DURATION**

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES**

##### **Section I – General Purpose**

TABERNACLE OF GOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC., is formed to establish and maintain a religious church to conduct services designed to reach people for Christ, and that we may preserve our God given heritage, the faith once delivered to the saints in accordance with the Holy Bible and also that we may incorporate effectively with other branches of the Church of Jesus Christ in Advancing God's Kingdom among men. We are a Christian organization who ministers to all persons helping them worship God, have fellowship, food, shelter, pre-school and adult education and instruction in the love of Jesus Christ. We have the power to distribute books, magazines, papers and other literature as will further carry out the objects of this corporation to acquire by purchase or gifts such real and personal property as may be necessary to carry out the objects of this corporation.

To receive subscriptions and donations of real and personal property to be applied to the uses and purposes of the corporation, to mortgage and otherwise encumber any of its property or to sell and convey the same, and to permit the use of its property for religious, educational, benevolent or other lawful purposes.

Said corporation will govern itself and conduct its own affairs according to the New Testament Scriptures. This right shall include such matters as the hiring of the pastor and employees, election or appointment of the Board of Directors and officers, the acceptance and discipline of its members, the conduct of its own services, ministries, initiatives, performance of weddings and funerals, if it chooses to do so, usage of church facilities, church program(s) and all business matters.

Said corporation will establish and maintain a place of worship of Almighty God, our heavenly father; to provide Christian fellowship for those of like precious faith, where the Holy Spirit may be honored according to our distinctive testimony.

##### **Section II – Internal Revenue Service**

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, 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.

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 IV hereof.

No 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 or in opposition to 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 an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or
- (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **DOCTRINE**

This church accepts the scriptures, Holy Bible, (King James Version & Reina-Valera Version), as its authority of faith and practice. Its understanding of Christian truth as contained therein is in essential accord with the belief of the Church as indicated in its Articles of Faith. Our Bylaws explain in more detail our belief system to be followed.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **AFFILIATION**

While maintaining its inherent rights to sovereignty in the conduct of its own affairs as herein set forth, Tabernacle of God Christian Church, Inc., voluntarily commits to enter into fellowship and partnership with like-minded and charged organizations as it sees fit or is necessary to accomplish its mission.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **PASTORAL CARE AND LEADERSHIP**

The Pastor shall be the spiritual leader of the church. TABERNACLE OF GOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH shall be a church that is pastor-led and subject to the apostolic authority of the Church Board of Directors as described herein. The Church Board of Directors of TABERNACLE OF GOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH shall act as the governing authority by providing spiritual guidance, setting its major policies, and exercising responsibility for its business and activities.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **MEMBERS**

Membership in the church shall be available to those persons who qualify according to the Holy Scripture and the Bylaws. Members of the Corporation will be required to meet the following minimum qualifications:

- (a) Have declared their experience of salvation.
- (b) Have declared their belief in the doctrines and teachings of the church.
- (c) Shall declare their willingness to submit to the government of the church.

No person is entitled to membership in this church but must apply and be approved by the leadership, reviewed by the appropriate committee and be received as members as required and outlined in our Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **CORPORATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

The board of directors and officers of the corporation shall be members in good standing and be persons of mature Christian experience and knowledge, who shall meet the requirements of Acts 6, I Timothy 3 and Titus 1. The manner in which the directors and officers are elected or appointed shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

The powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a Board of Directors, the number of which may be either increased or decreased from time to time as regulated by the Bylaws but shall consist of not fewer than three. The manner and method of appointment or election of the Board of Directors shall be as stated in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

The Board of Directors are empowered to receive donations of real or personal property to be applied to the uses and purposes of the Corporation, to mortgage and otherwise encumber any of the corporation's property or to sell and convey the same, and to permit the use of its property for religious, educational, benevolent or other lawful purposes.

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

Israel J. Sotolongo  
15548 Locustberry Ct.  
Land O Lakes, FL 34648

Maria I. Sotolongo  
15548 Locustberry Ct.  
Land O Lakes, FL 34648

Armando Pargas  
10627 Fairfield Village Drive  
Tampa, FL 33624

Onofre Lima  
8824 W. Broad Street  
Tampa, FL 33615

Guillermo O. Lima  
12817 Darby Ridge Drive  
Tampa, FL 33624

The Board of Directors shall elect the following Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the Bylaws of the corporation may authorize the directors to elect from time to time.

The names and addresses of the current Officers are as follows:

**President:**

Israel J. Sotolongo  
15548 Locustberry Ct.  
Land O Lakes, FL 34648

**Vice President:**

Maria I. Sotolongo  
15548 Locustberry Ct.  
Land O Lakes, FL 34648

**Secretary:**

Armando Pargas  
10627 Fairfield Village Drive  
Tampa, FL 33624

**Treasurer:**

Onofre Lima  
8824 W. Broad Street  
Tampa, FL 33615

**Asst. Treasurer:**

Guillermo O. Lima  
12817 Darby Ridge Dr.  
Tampa, FL 33624



**ARTICLE X**  
**DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the organization, none of its funds or assets shall be distributed to any director, officer, deacon, trustee, or any other individual. The church board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the church, distribute funds and assets for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Any such funds or assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such religious purpose.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The corporation's current registered agent and office is:

Israel J. Sotolongo  
15548 Locustberry Ct.  
Land O Lakes, FL 34648

**ARTICLE XII**  
**INDEMNIFICATION**

The Corporation shall indemnify any Director or Officer or former Director and Officer, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him/her (legal fees or otherwise) or any amount paid in satisfaction of judgments in connection with any suit or proceeding, whether civil or criminal in nature, in which he/she is made a party by reason of being or having been such Director or Officer. No Director, Officer, or former Director and Officer is eligible for indemnification if he/she pleads guilty or is convicted of a crime associated with the church or its affiliates.

**ARTICLE XIII: DEBTS**

Neither the members nor the members of the Board of Directors or Officers of the Corporation shall be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE XIV: BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the corporation may be drafted, altered, amended and/or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

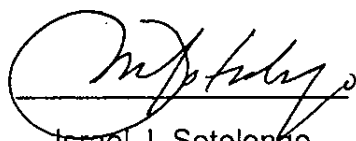
#### ARTICLE XV: AMENDMENT

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in the Articles of Incorporation, its Restatement or any amendments hereto, and to enact By-Laws, in manner now or hereafter prescribed by law and all rights conferred on Directors and Officers herein are granted subject to this reservation.

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the affirmative vote 2/3rds of the members of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting provided proper notice of the changes to be made has been given and a quorum is present.

***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.***

Required Signature of Registered Agent:



Israel J. Sotolongo  
15548 Locustberry Ct.  
Land O Lakes, FL 34648

REGISTERED AGENT

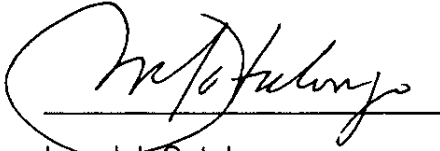
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***I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S. I hereby certify these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were approved and passed by the Board of Directors and the Membership of said corporation on the above referenced date.***

**Signature of President:**

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Israel J. Sotolongo

15548 Locustberry Ct.

Land O Lakes, FL 34648

Dated: 9/1, 2016.

**Signature of Secretary:**



Armando Pargas

10627 Fairfield Village Drive

Tampa, FL 33624

Dated: 9/1/2016, 2016.

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