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**TO:** Amendment Section Division of Corporations

NAME OF CORPORATION Mount Pilgrim United American Free Will
DOCUMENT NUMBER: N0300006519
The enclosed Articles of Amendment and fee are submitted for filing.
Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:
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# AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE MOUNT PILGRIM UNITED AMERICAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

We, the undersigned residents of the State of Florida, each being competent to contract, hereby form ourselves and our successors into a corporation not for profit in Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., State of Florida (Not for Profit); and under Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law) hereby adopt the following Amended Articles of Incorporation as our Charter.

## ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be Mount Pilgrim United American Free Will? Baptist Church, Inc. located in the City of Brooksville, County of Hernando and State of Florida; herein referred to as MPUAFWBC.

## ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of the MPUAFWBC shall be the advancement of God's Kingdom on earth to glorify Him and exalt Jesus Christ above all human goals as its members participate in: Worship (John 4:24; Hebrews 10:24-25), Teaching the whole Word of God (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8), Administering the ordinances of the Church (Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26), Defending the Faith (Hebrews 10:23; Jud 3; Revelation 3:8) by disciplining its membership and helping to meet the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Economic Welfare of its members and community. As a means to these ends the following Bodies, Committees and Ministries shall be in operation.

Deacons, Trustees, Sunday School Department, Young People Christian League (YPCL), Training Department, Mission and Educational Department, Evangelism Department, Women Home Mission Department, Brotherhood Dept., Youth & Children Dept. Couples Ministry, Singles Ministry, Love in Action Ministry, Food Bank, Cloths Closet ect. As the MPUAFWBC have need.

## ARTICLE III AFFILIATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS

The MPUAFWBC declares affiliations/associations with the United American Freewill Baptist General Conference Inc., Annual Conference, and National Convention of Free Will Baptist USA.

## ARTICLE IV ORDINANCES

- Section 1. We practice believer's baptism by single immersion in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost after a confession of faith. (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-4)
- Section 2. We practice close communion, which is believers celebrating the Lord's Supper after self-examination. (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34)
- Section 3. We practice as believer's the washing of the saint's feet as recorded in the Word of God. (John 13:1-20)

#### ARTICLE V POLICY/LAW

The MPUAFWBC shall be governed by it members on the basis of majority rule and the principles of the New Testament. We believe the MPUAFWBC has the resources within itself to make policies and resolve differences.

We believe that the members of the MPUAFWBC have sufficient intelligence and virtue to render the intervention of outside authorities unnecessary, and that the Pastor and the Executive Committee is the MPUAFWBC sole authoritative interpreter of Scripture.

We believe according to the Word of God that marriage is Ordained by God that of the union of a Man and Woman, (Genesis 2:21-24; Matthew 19:4-6; 1 Corinthians 7:2-4) and therefore the Church Mount Pilgrim United American Free Will Baptist Church, Inc. and her Pastor and associate Ministers shall not be compelled or demanded to perform such unions that are not Ordained by God's Holy Word. And therefore cannot be held Liable by Local, State and Federal Law for not performing said unions between (Homosexual; Lesbian; Transsexual and Transvestite).

We will not discriminate against the attendance in services of persons with alternative sexual preferences, life styles and behavior (Homosexual; Lesbian; Transsexual; Transvestite), because the Bible says (who so ever will let him come). And therefore the MPUAFWBC does have the right according to the Word of God to say who can Join/Become Members of the MPUAFWBC. We stand on the Word of God that all who practices such life styles are still living in willful Sin and have not Repented turn away from this life style (Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Timothy 1:10) and therefore cannot become a member of the Mount Pilgrim United American Freewill Baptist Church.

#### ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Any person professing by Faith to have received the Lord Jesus Christ, as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Statement of Faith and the Covenant held by this Church, may upon Baptism be received into its membership.

- SECTION 2. A Letter of recommendation and demission from their respective Churches may receive members from Churches of the same Faith and order.
- SECTION 3. Those who has been Scripturally Baptized and who accept the view of Faith and practice adopted by this Church may be by virtue of their Christian experience.
- SECTION 4. Any member can be excommunicated should He or She becomes an offense to the Church and to its New Testament standard by reason of unChrist like conduct, or by persistent breach of his/her covenant vows, the Church may terminate his/her membership. Only after due notice and a hearing before the Pastor and the Executive Committee after faithful efforts have been made to bring about repentance and reconciliation should such action be taken (Matthew 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 5:1-13).
- SECTION 5. Excommunicated members may by a majority vote be restored to membership on confession of their error (Sin) and by giving evidence of their repentance (2 Corinthians 2:5-11).

## ARTICLE VII MEMBERSHIP RULES

- SECTION 1. ACTIVE MEMBERS: All those who show their interest in the welfare of the Church and the Kingdom of God by regular attendance and financial support and those who, because of illness and infirmities, are unable to attend service or contribute financial support to the work shall be classed as active members.
- SECTION 2. INACTIVE MEMBERS: being notified by letter and given (30) thirty days to restore themselves to active status and to indicate their desire to continue their membership will be Dismissed and All those who do not classify as Sick or Shut-in members, who without reasonable excuses, DO NOT attend the regular services of the Church for a period of (3) three months, all members who fail to communicate with the Pastor and Church for a period of (3) three months, shall be removed from the Church Roll Book.

## ARTICLE VIII ELECTION OF DIRECTORS/OFFICER

- SECTION 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: This committee shall be appointed by the membership of the Church by vote of majority rules. All directors/officers of the Church shall be recommended by the appointed nominating committee and presented to the membership in the annual business meeting to be voted upon by majority rules.
- SECTION 2. TERM OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS: All directors/officers are elected for a term of one year. Any vacancies shall be filled by appointment upon

approval of the Church membership by vote of majority rules. The Pastor has the right to appoint a member to any position that he feels will be able to carry on the work of God and the Church with spiritual and efficient means, with the approval of the Church membership by vote of majority rules.

SECTION 3. APPOINTMENT OF DEACONS: Deacons shall be recommended by the Church and Deacon Board with the approval of the Pastor according to the New Testament pattern {Acts 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3: 8-16}. Any member upon recommendation and majority vote shall be set-aside for a period of (3) Six months prior to Ordination.

## ARTICLE IX CHURCH - PASTOR RELATIONSHIP

- SECTION 1. CALLING A PASTOR: When the Pastorate is vacant, the Deacons and Trustees shall select a pulpit committee of seven of the Church to seek candidates of worthy reputation, character and education (with a minimum of a High School Diploma) as a prospect for Pastor, the committee shall recommend them to the Church for its consideration. The call shall be extended in a regularly monthly business meeting or a call meeting of the congregation. A vote of majority rules of the members present and voting shall be required for a valid call. Candidates shall be presented to the Church. Public announcements for the call meeting must be made in the following ways; (1) LETTERS (2) ANNOUNCEMENTS in public worship service on at least (2) TWO consecutive Sunday prior to the date of the call meeting.
- SECTION 2. CONDITION OF THE CALL: The Pastor shall have a written notice of the call stipulating the conditions, including; Salary, Vacation, provisions for housing, retirement, social security and other such provisions as may be appropriate.
- SECTION 3. TERMINATION OF PASTORATE: A pastorate may be terminated by a notice of (90) ninety days on the part of the pastor or the Church under normal conditions. A pastorate may be terminated should He become an offense to the Church and to its New Testament standard by reason of un-Christian conduct, or by persistent breach of His covenant vows or conduct. The Deacons and Trustees have the rights to request the resignation of the Pastorate to be presented to the Church membership for voting by majority rules. The termination shall be extended in a regular monthly business meeting or a call meeting of the congregation. A vote of majority of the members presented and voting shall be required for a valid dismissal.

## ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting, notice of which business meeting and reason therefore, shall have given (1) one week preceding the meeting, both through the Church Paper or Reminder and by announcement from the Pulpit.

### ARTICLE XI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

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(Secretary)

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