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Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

\$70.00 \$\frac{1}{2}\$78.75 \$\frac{1}{2}\$78.75 \$\frac{1}{2}\$87.50 \$\frac{1}{2}\$Filing Fee & Filing Fee, & Certificate of Status & Certificate \text{ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED}

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SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

# EGLISE BAPTISTE PAR LA FOI, INC.

TIN: 550805327

### ARTICLE I-NAME

The Name of this corporation is: EGLISE BAPTISTE PAR LA FOI, INC.

### ARTICLE II—PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be: 512 North Dixie Highway Lantana, Florida 33462

### ARTICLE III—SPECIFIC PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to preach and teach the word of God. The administration of the Ordinances of the New Testament; baptism and the Lord' Supper; the spiritual improvement its members; ministering to the community; and the spread of the gospel in all the earth.

### A. Doctrine

Its doctrine shall be in conformity with those generally accepted by regular Baptist Churches, and expressed in our Confession of faith.

### **B.** Association

As a Baptist Church, it cannot join anything outside itself, but only affiliate therewith on the grounds of fellowship with sound Churches, yet independent in assuming the sole responsibility for its own actions.

### C. Membership

# 1. Present Membership

All whose names appear on the rolls of this Church are members. But only those names on the active list are considered in good and regular standing. Those whose names appear on the inactive list, have no right to vote and may not be granted a letter of good standing. Only members who have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday shall enjoy the privilege of voting on Church business, such as: disciplining members, the purchase, sale or encumbrance of real estate.

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# 2. Reception of Members

# A. Qualifications

Anyone professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, as personal Savior, giving evidence of a change of heart, and declaring him/herself in accord with the principles, practices and doctrines of this Church, may become a candidate for Church membership.

### B. Method

Anyone as a candidate, may become members of the Church in one of four (4) ways:

- 1. Baptism by emersion.
- 2. Letter from some other Baptist Church of like faith and order.
- 3. Statement of Christian Experience (having been previously Baptized by immersion but lacking record of proof of the same).
- 4. Restoration to membership upon the recommendation of the Board of Deacons, and the Pastor to the Church.

### C. Procedure

Candidates for church membership, shall appear personally before the Pastor and Deacons, who shall pass upon their qualifications, and prescribe any restrictions they may deem wise for the Church. Having been recommended by the Deacons, the name shall be submitted to the Church for consideration. Five dissenting votes constitute a refusal for admission, but any member objecting, shall be required to present the grounds of his objection before the Deacons at their next Meeting, or to the Pastor, in the absence of a Deacon Board. A two-thirds vote of the Deacons shall over rule the objection, and the same shall be submitted once more to the Church, or the Pastor shall do the same.

### A. Church Letters

- 1. Letters of dismissal may be granted to any Member in good and Regular Standing. Such letters must be addressed to some particular Church of the same faith and order as this. Such letters shall be valid only for six months from the date; and the member being dismissed shall remain subject to the discipline of his church, until notification has been received of the acceptance by the church addressed.
- Members not in Good and Regular Standing or those desiring to unite with a church not of our conviction, and policy, may be given a Certificate of Standing to that date of their leaving.

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# A. Discipline of Members

Committee of Discipline:
 The Board of Deacons, with the Pastor, shall constitute the discipline Committee of the Church.

# 2. Process of Disciplines:

Members may be placed on the "Inactive" list and so lose their rights and privilege due to:

- a. Failing to support the Church by their lack of attendance). for a period of three (3) months without a legitimate excuse (such "support" and "excuse" to be defined by the Committee of discipline).
- b. Needless failure to contribute to the Financial support of the Church (such "support" determine by the Committee of discipline). The members are taught the Scriptural way of giving, Malachi 3:7-10. I Cor 16, and other Scriptures; and then if they do not give according to the Scriptures, they will not be able to participate in voting and other privileges of the Church.
- c. Propagation of any doctrine contrary to our Articles of Faith.
- d. Promotion of strife by gossip or false accusation among the membership.
- 3. Every effort being made, including, if physically possible, personal visits to reclaim for Christ and the local Church.
- 4. Members shall be dropped from the Church roll by personal request, on the Committee of Discipline, or majority vote of he Church.

### Treasurer

The Directors/Officers shall appoint a Deacon for this office.

# Financial Secretary

The Church shall elect from its membership at each Annual meeting a financial secretary. He/she shall keep an accurate record of all individual contributions to the church and prepare and send out an Annual statement to each contributor.

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### Clerk

The Church shall elect from its membership Sunday School Superintendent He/she shall be in charge of the administration and promotion of the Sunday School and shall work in close cooperation with the Christian Committee and the Pastor.

The church shall elect from its membership at each Annual meeting a clerk for the ensuing year. He/she shall keep a fair and complete record of the proceedings of the Church.

# **Advisory Committee**

The Deacons with the Pastor shall constitute an Advisory Committee. It shall meet at times decided by the Committee and shall be presided over by the Pastor, or one of its members whom it may designate. Its duties shall be to pass upon all Major Matters of the Church Business or policy and recommend to the Church for its action such as it deems worthy. It shall act as the Financial Committee of the Church.

# Pianist, Organist and Music Director

The Pianist, Organist, and Music Director and all Christian Educators, must be born again believers.

# **MISSION**

It shall be the general policy of this Church to support only Missionaries who go to the field under Mission Agencies, approved by this Church, and in total agreement with the Pastor.

# **AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS**

### Section 1. Sunday School

This organization shall be considered the Church Studying the Bible. It shall be under the general supervision and control of the Pastor.

# Section 2 Other Organizations

There shall be such other organizations as will most efficiently fulfill our purpose, but none shall be started without the consent of the Advisory Committee. These Organizations shall be self-governing, but always subject to the control of the Church, through its Constitution and voted Church Policy.

# Section 3. All Major Officers of the Organizations

All Major Officers of Auxiliary Organizations and all regular Teachers in the Sunday school must be members of the Church in good and regular standing. The Superintendent and the Pastor may approve visiting Christian friends, to work and teach, while visiting.

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### **COMMITTEES**

The Church shall elect at its Annual Meeting, or at other times as it may desire, the following Committees as deemed necessary.

# Section 1. Nominating Committee

At least four (4) weeks before the Annual Meeting, the active church members shall act as a Nomination Committee. Each member shall receive a list of vacant offices, a list of qualifications for the offices, and a list of active members, and be expected to write in their Nominations. These nominations shall be mailed or brought back to Church and placed in the "Nomination Box," no later than the Sunday preceding the Annual Election. The Board of Deacons with the Pastor shall tabulate the results of the Nomination. The three men receiving the highest amount of votes for each office (except for Deacons, in which case, there should be twice as many Nominees as Vacancies) shall be asked to consider and be counseled by the Pastor.

# TRUSTEES Section I

### **Qualifications:**

A Trustee may be any active member of Eglise Baptiste Par La Foi, Church, who is in good membership standing and has attained the age of twenty-one years.

A Trustee must be a member who has been proven by examination of the Nomination Committee, and accepted by the Pastor, after receiving the report from that Committee. The Trustee is to be one that is able to execute his own personal and financial business efficiently.

### Selection

A Trustee Board shall serve in legal matters dealing with property, maintenance, and together with the Pastor and Deacons, policies shall be made.

The Trustee Board shall consist of five members and shall come before the church for re-election at each Annual Meeting. Two Trustee positions shall be made available for the church body selection. The Pastor shall make the final decision. The ballot shall include the names of the five current Trustees and or two additional nominees.

### **Duties**

Care for the property of the Church, to hold, repair invest and preserve the same including securing and supervising and janitorial service.

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Supervise any improvements that are not entrusted to a special committee and to perform such business concerns of the Church.

They shall not have authority to sell, lease, give away or dispose of Church property in any manner, to exceed one hundred (\$100) dollars, except, as the church shall order the same by a corporate act. The Church has the authority to increase or decrease this amount at its discretion.

### Vacancies of a Trustee

Vacancies occurring on the Board of Trustees shall be filled by one of the members of the church, as appointed by the Committee and the Pastor.

The Officers of the Church shall consist of the Pastor, Deacons, Clerk Church Secretary, and the Financial Secretary. In this case, only the Deacons shall have been a member of the Church (or another church of like Faith and order) for a period of at least one year being placed in nomination.

# PASTOR Section II

A. The Pastor shall be elected for an indeterminate term. Notice of the proposed choice of Pastor shall be given from the pulpit for two successive Sundays, preceding the Election. Each candidate shall be considered and voted upon separately before another is considered. Voting shall be by ballots and three-fourths (3/4) of the votes cast shall be required for election.

# B. RESIGNATION of the PASTOR

The Pastor shall give the Church written notice ninety (90) days, and not less than thirty (30) days of his intention to discontinue as Pastor. The Church may by a three-fourths (¾) vote at a regularly called Meeting (See Article XI, Section 2) declare the pulpit vacant provided a Notice of not less than ninety (90) days from the time this action is taken by giving the Pastor occupying the pulpit to vacate the same. In so doing, there must be legal grounds for his dismissal in the case of gross sin.

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### B. DUTIES of the PASTOR

He shall Preach the whole Counsel of God.

He shall encourage the Spiritual welfare of the Church.

He shall develop its activity for the best possible service to the Lord Jesus Christ.

He shall administer the Ordinances of the Church.

He shall be the Moderator of the Church, and an ex-officio member of all Boards and Committees.

### **DEACONS**

# Section III

- 1. All Deacons shall be appointed by the Pastor and given to the congregation to be vote at the Annual Meeting.
- 2. Their terms of office shall begin on the first of the month following the Annual Meeting. New Officers taking office begin at the same time. Other Minor Officers may be created from time to time as may be deemed necessary. No person shall hold more than two (2) major offices at one time, and no member on the "inactive" list is eligible to hold Office in the Church or any of its Organizations.
- 3. They are at all times servants of the Church, subject to its corporate action.
- 4. They shall not have authority to sell, give away nor dispose of Church property in any manner to exceed one hundred (\$100) dollars in value; nor to mortgage or encumber the same with debt to exceed the above amount except as the church shall order the same by a corporate act. The Church has the authority to increase or decrease this amount at its discretion.
- 5. Each Deacon shall be responsible or assigned to oversee one of the following functions of the Church:
  - a) Worship-One Deacon shall be responsible for seeing the handling of Public Services efficiently. He will be responsible for the oversight of the Children's Church, and will represent the Music Committee at the Deacon's Meetings.
  - b) Evangelism—One Deacon shall be assigned to oversee the Mission Societies, Visitation, Hospital and shut-in calling.
  - c) Services—One Deacon shall have the oversight of the work of the Ushers, Nursery and Fellowship Committee.

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- d) Treasurer—One Deacon shall serve as the Treasurer. The Deacon may have authority to appoint an Assistant Treasurer with the approval of the Finance Committee. The Deacon/Treasurer, shall responsible for the budgets and the auditing of the books.
- e) **Teaching**—One Deacon shall have oversight in the Sunday school, V.B.S. teacher's training, and library.
- f) **Training**—One Deacon shall have oversight in the Leadership training Classes and camp Work.

# Vacancy of a Deacon

Vacancies occurring on the Board of Deacons shall be filled by special election. The elected Deacon shall serve the unexpired term of the vacant office and shall be elected by the same procedure carried out in the Annual Elections. Two weeks notice of such elections shall be given from the pulpit and in the Church bulletin.

# Section IV

- a. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- b. 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 organization 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 the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influencing legislation, and the organization 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. Not withstanding any other provisions of this document, the organization 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 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.

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c. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed 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, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of the Common Pleas of the county in which the principal offices of the organization is 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 purposes.

### Resolution:

We agree that the majority of our Board of Directors/Officers will be non-salaried, and will not be related to salaried personnel or to parties providing services. In addition, the salaried individuals cannot vote on their own compensation, and the Board will make that compensation decision.

We pledge to serve EGLISE BAPTISTE PAR LA FOI, Church, to the best of our abilities, and take an active part in its operation.

### ARTICLE IV

### The manner in which the directors are elected

The Board of Directors/Officers is elected by a majority vote of the membership.

### ARTICLE V

### The names and addresses and title of the Directors/Officers are:

- Rev. Riguens Billy, President 619 South Pine Street Lake Worth, Florida 33460
- Guerlande Joseph
   809 South H. Street
   Lake Worth, Florida 33460
- 3. Ricot Vertus, Secretary 701 South G. Street, #3 Lake Worth, Florida 33460

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- 4. Amania Fileus, Treasurer 5682 Lincoln Circle East Lake Worth, Florida 33463
- 5. Enick Clairevoyant 618 South Pine Street Lake Worth, Florida 33460
- 6. Alicias Billy 2520 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North #204K Lake Worth, Florida 33461

# **ARTICLE VI**

The name and Florida Street address of the initial Registered Agent are:

Rev. Riguens Billy 619 South Pine Street Lake Worth, Florida 33460

Rev. Riguens Bill

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