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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

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**OF**

**SUNCOAST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST), INC.**

SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

(A Corporation Not For Profit)

The undersigned hereby associate ourselves for the purpose of becoming incorporated under the laws of Florida applicable to corporations not for profit and petition the Secretary of State for such incorporation under the following proposed Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be Suncoast Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Inc.

**ARTICLE II**

**LOCATION AND ADDRESS**

The location and principal office of the corporation shall be 4244 Mariner Boulevard, Spring Hill, Florida 34609 but it shall have the right to operate in any place or places in the United States or any foreign country.

**ARTICLE III**

**TERMS OF EXISTENCE**

The duration of said corporation shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE IV**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this corporation shall be to promote the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the conducting of church and religious services and as a subsidiary to the accomplishment of these purposes, to acquire by subscription, purchase, loan, gift or any other device, a house for public worship and educational buildings with sufficient grounds, furniture and fixtures, and other incidental conveniences for their beneficial use and also all necessary means for the aid to the poor of the church, for payment of repairs to the property of the church, current expenses, salaries and compensation of ministers and employees of the church, and for maintenance of Sunday schools missionary service, and such other purposes and objects as may come within the range of church work and benevolence. The Corporation shall maintain and conduct its corporate activities as a member of the denomination known as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and shall participate fully with said denomination.

## **ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the corporation shall consist of penitent believers in Jesus Christ, who have been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins, and who have identified themselves with this corporation.

## **ARTICLE VI AUTHORITY AND AUTONOMY**

This corporation recognizes Jesus Christ as the only and divine authority and His word, the New Testament, as authoritative in all matters of faith and practice of the corporation and its members. It declares itself to be a free and autonomous body, claiming the right of free government and recognizing no outside religious authority or control.

## **ARTICLE VII GOVERNMENT**

The Corporation shall have a General Board, which shall be responsible to the congregation and have authority to act on behalf of the congregation and have authority to act on behalf of the congregation. The membership of the General Board shall be composed of the following and election shall be made pursuant to the method set forth in the Bylaws of the organization.

1. Chairperson of the General Board
2. Vice of the General Board
3. Secretary of the General Board
4. Treasurer
5. Financial Secretary
6. Representative of the Elders
7. Representative of the Diaconate
8. Leaders of Ministry Teams
9. Representatives of Fellowship Groups

The general Board will meet regularly at least every other month. Roberts Rules of Order will be the official procedure for all business meetings.

## **ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS**

The officers of the corporation are as follows:

1. Chairperson of the General Board
2. Vice of the General Board
3. Secretary of the General Board
4. Treasurer

5. Financial Secretary

6. Elders

7. Diaconate

8. Trustees (by virtue of their office the Chairperson of the Board, the Treasurer, and the Chairperson of the Elders, are the Trustees). Terms of officers are as set forth in the By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

##### **BUSINESS MEETING**

An annual meeting of the church membership for the purpose of evaluating the progress of the previous year, planning for the future and transacting business shall be held in November each year at a time determined by the General Board. Notice of such meeting shall be by public announcement of Sunday morning on two consecutive Sunday mornings other than the date of the meeting.

A special meeting of the church membership for the transaction of church business may be held at the call of the Chairperson of the Board or upon the written request, of 50% of the voting members of the General Board or five (5) percent of the active members of the church. The call shall be by public announcement, at two Sunday morning services immediately preceding the meeting, and this announcement shall state the purpose of the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE X**

##### **BY-LAWS**

By-laws have been adopted by the members of the congregation. Amendments to the By-Laws may be submitted by the General Board to the members at any business meeting duly called provided written notice of the proposed amendments shall be given to the members of the Congregation at least ten (10) days prior to the time the vote is to be taken. To become effective, they must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

##### **AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any business meeting of the church, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment or amendments, has been read at each regular Sunday morning service for two (2) consecutive Sundays immediately preceding the date on which the vote is to be taken, and a written notice of proposed changes must be sent through the mail at least 10 days prior to the time the vote is taken.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

##### **FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE AND DISSOLUTION**

Any fundamental change of the church shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed

fundamental change has been read at each regular Sunday morning service for four (4) consecutive Sundays immediately preceding the date of which the vote is to be taken.

Upon dissolution of this organization, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of dissolution shall be distributed to The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Florida, which has qualified for exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for public purpose, and none of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer or trustee of this organization.

### ARTICLE XIII

#### TRUSTEES

Section 1. The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Trustees.

Section 2. The names and addresses of the persons, who shall serve as Trustees for the ensuing year are:

NAME	ADDRESS
Pamela Dugle	5277 Lydia Court, Spring Hill, FL 34608
David Dugle	5277 Lydia Court, Spring Hill, FL 34608
Leighton Chaplin	2421 Birdie Lane, Spring Hill, FL 34606

### ARTICLE XIV

#### INCORPORATING TRUSTEE

The name and address of the incorporating Trustee of these Articles of Incorporation are:

NAME	ADDRESS
David Dugle	5277 Lydia Court, Spring Hill, FL 34608

### ARTICLE XV

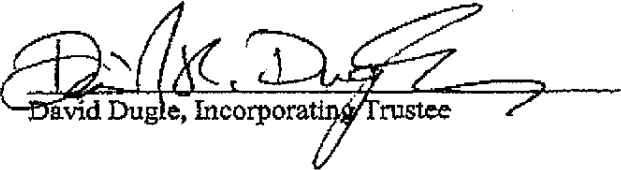
#### INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND

#### STREET ADDRESS

The name and permanent Florida street address of the initial registered agent are:

Daniel L. Turner	11381 McNally Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34609
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned-incorporating Trustee, have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25 day of MAY 2004, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

  
David Dugle, Incorporating Trustee

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BEFORE ME, an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgements, this date personally appeared David Dugle, who has produced a Florida Driver's License as identification or who is personally known to me, who did take an oath and after being duly sworn, says that he is the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged before me that he executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 25 day of MAY 2004.



*Mary Ann Cebarski*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

**ACCEPTANCE AS REGISTERED AGENT**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am a permanent resident of <sup>Hernando</sup> County, Florida and I hereby accept the foregoing designation as Registered Agent.

*Daniel L Turner*  
DANIEL L. TURNER  
Registered Agent