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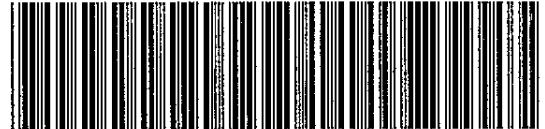
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

SUBJECT: Abundant Praise Tabernacle, Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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☒ \$87.50
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Adrian O. Odle
Name (Printed or typed)

7601 N. W. 41 Street
Address

Coral Springs, Florida 33065
City, State & Zip

954-663-8954
Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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Articles of Incorporation

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

For

Abundant Praise Tabernacle,
Inc.

Abundant Praise Tabernacle, Inc.

7601 N.W. 41st Street
Coral Springs, Florida 33065

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Introduction

Whereas, we, a body of believers in Jesus Christ organized for the purpose of fellowship and the spreading of the Gospel of our Lord as recorded in the Holy Scripture, deem it wise that we have certain laws to serve as a criterion to work by; and help preserve the purpose and function of the local church; therefore be it resolved, that beginning with its legal adoption thereof we shall be governed by the following Articles of Incorporation and By Laws:

Article I – Name

The name of this organization, a not-for-profit religious corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, is **Abundant Praise Tabernacle, Inc.**

Article II – Principle Office

The initial registered principle place of business shall be located at:
7601 N.W. 41st Street, Coral Springs, Florida 33065

Article III – Purpose

Section 1. The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. More particularly, the purposes of this Corporation are:

- (a) To spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the worship of God among its members and attendants, and practice the Christian virtues inculcated in the Holy Scriptures.

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- (b) To accept and to participate the Great Commission of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
“And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15)
- (c) To employ and discharge ordained ministers of the Gospel, and others to conduct and carry on divine services at the place of worship of the members/disciples of the Corporation, and elsewhere, and to collect and disburse any and all necessary funds for the maintenance of said Corporation and the accomplishment of its purposes.
- (d) To build, in Christ, a church of Love where believers by working together for the unity, edification, discipline, and encouragement of believers that they might grow into our Lord, Jesus Christ’s image. *“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”* (Romans 12:2)(Rom 12)
- (e) To conduct, accomplish and carry on its objectives, functions and purposes or any part thereof set forth in the Constitution, if any, of the Corporation as amended from time to time, within or without the State of Florida

Section 2. This Corporation is also organized to promote, encourage, and foster any other similar religious, charitable and educational activities; to accept, hold, invest, reinvest and administer any gifts, legacies, bequests, devices, funds and property of any sort or nature, and to use, expend, or donate the income or principal thereof for, and to devote the same to, the foregoing purposes of the Corporation; and to do any and all lawful acts and things which may be necessary, useful, suitable, or proper for the furtherance of accomplishment of the purposes of this Corporation. Provided however, no act may be performed which would violate Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it now exists or as it may hereafter be amended.

(a) In the event of dissolution of the organization, Abundant Praise Tabernacle, Inc., the remaining assets will be used exclusively for exempt purposes, such as religious, charitable and educational.

Section 3. The powers of the Corporation to promote the purposes set out above are limited and restricted in the following manner:

- (a) No part of the net earning of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its incorporators, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to make payments and distributions (including reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the Corporation) in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in these Articles.
- (b) 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 publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (i) a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, or (ii) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax law.
- (d) The Corporation shall not accept any gift or grant if the gift or grant contains major conditions, which would restrict or violate any of the Corporation's religious, charitable or educational purposes or if the gift or grant would require serving a private as opposed to a public interest.

Article IV – Manner of Election

The authority of the Corporation shall reside in the membership of the congregation under the teaching of Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the Church. Members shall prayerfully annually approve biblically qualified members to form the Executive Board of this church. The church shall call one or more Pastors, if it deems necessary for the advancement of ministry, and set up other churches, church offices and ministries according to this document.

Senior Pastors

(a) Pastor and Co-Pastor

Qualifications:

Characteristics: Trustworthy, good witness, patience, self-control, loving, kindness, meekness, and above reproach.

Godliness: Obedience to God, holiness, pure, firm foundation in belief of Jesus Christ, spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Family: A Pastor shall have one spouse, who is an exemplary Christian, and obedient children, if any.

Believe: Completely recognize accept and firmly believe in the Bible and the Faith Statement of this church.

The Founding Pastor of the church shall remain the Senior Pastor of the church until retirement. This will now incorporate him into Pastor emeritus status, or until death. The Co-Pastor, who is the Co-Founder will be installed in the role of Senior Pastor until retirement which will bring on incorporation of Pastor emeritus status, or until death..

- (b) **Assistant Pastor, Elder or Minister** – Qualifications same as above. The Pastoral Ministry shall search and recommend candidates to the Senior Pastors. They will then schedule his/her initial sermon, granting him/her the opportunity to preach at one or more church services. *“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” 2*

Timothy 4:2. They will then be interviewed by the Board of Directors for the final decision. The candidate(s) will then be presented to the church for a final selection. The members of the church will select the candidate(s) and vote. The role of the office of Assistant Pastor, Elder or Minister will be to work in conjunction with the Senior Pastors under their leadership. The Assistant Pastor or Elder will be appointed and ordained by the Senior Pastors by the examination of his/her Christian walk, Bible knowledge, Conduct, Humility and their ability to follow the Vision of APBC. The Assistant Pastor or Elder at times travel will the Pastor(s) or will be held as acting Pastor in the absence of the Senior Pastors. He/She must conduct themselves in a manner which is first, pleasing to God and to the Senior Pastors. He/She will oversee and on occasion conduct worship service, Bible Study, Meetings, Membership Classes, Sunday School, Prayer Meeting as delegated by the Senior Pastors.

(c) **Deacons** – Qualifications: Same as above and, *“Likewise must the deacons be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy money; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Even so must their wives be reverent, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, fulfilling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in faith which is in Christ Jesus.”* I Timothy 3:8-13. Once a Deacon is identified he will be considered a “Walking Deacon” for one year, or otherwise determined by the Board of Directors. The Deacon will then be ordained along with the Elders and Assistant Pastor at the annual Holy Consecration Service.

(d) **Treasurer/Trustee** – Qualifications: Same as above also honest and pure, willing to serve God for the upliftment, edification and sanctification of the finances of the church. The Treasurer/Trustee Ministry will be selected by the Board of

Directors. The Treasurer/Trustee will have an assistant and additional members (as determined by Board of Directors) to handle the financial responsibilities of the church. At no time will one person be allowed to count, distribute or receive offerings on their own, there must be at least two trustee present at all times. Finances must be counted double-counted and logged into the ledger.

- (e) **Church Administrator/Clerk** – Qualifications: Same as above and maintain a calendar for the Pastors the Church and the members. The initial Church Administrator/Clerk will be selected by the Pastors and any additional administrators/clerks will be selected by the Board of Directors.

Article V – Initial Directors and/or Officers

The names, address and titles of the initial Directors/Officers shall be as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS	TITLE
Adrian O. Odle	7601 N.W. 41 st Street, Coral Springs, Florida 33065	Senior Pastor/Founder
Maurnette L. Odle	7601 N.W. 41 st Street, Coral Springs, Florida 33065	Co-Pastor/Co-Founder
Iris Peterkin	1280 S.W. 29 th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312	Trustee

Article VI – Initial Registered Agent

The initial Registered Agent of the Corporation shall be:

Maurnette L. Odle, 7601 N.W. 41st Street, Coral Springs Florida 33065

who has accepted the designation as Registered Agent.

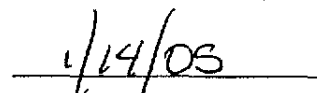
Article VII – Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator shall be:

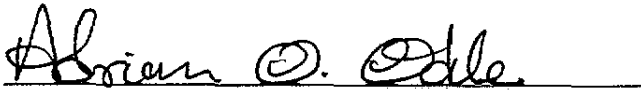
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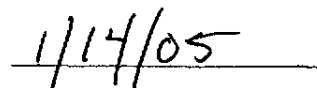
Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.


Signature/Registered Agent


Date

Maurnette L. Odle, Co-Pastor


Signature/Incorporator


Date

Adrian O. Odle, Senior Pastor

This document was prepared by: Maurnette L. Odle for Abundant Praise Tabernacle, Inc.,
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