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**FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

**The Charismatic Episcopal Church Diocese of Florida**

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF THE CHARISMATIC EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH DIOCESE OF FLORIDA, INC.

The undersigned acting as incorporator of a nonprofit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

The name of the Corporation is THE CHARISMATIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH DIOCESE OF FLORIDA, INC. (the "Corporation").

**ARTICLE II**

**Principal Office and Mailing Address**

The mailing address of the Corporation is 1800 Australian Avenue South, Suite 100, West Palm Beach, Florida 33409 and the address of the principal office of the Corporation is 8057 Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville, Florida 32211.

**ARTICLE III**

**Registered Office**

The address of the Corporation's registered office is 1800 Australian Avenue South, Suite 100, West Palm Beach, Florida 33409 and the name of the Corporation's registered agent at that address is W. Morgan Speer, P.A.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Tax Exempt Purpose**

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for one or more of the following tax exempt purposes:

1. Religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or to foster national or international amateur sports competition (but only if no part of its activities involve the provision of athletic facilities or equipment), or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of

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1986, as amended (the "Code"), and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

2. The Corporation shall be organized and operated as a church or convention or association of churches or as a religious organization that is an integral part of a church, engaged in performing the functions of a church, in furtherance of the above enumerated purposes exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

3. To apply the income, and if the Corporation so decides, the principal, of such property as the Corporation may from time to time possess, in aid of the prior enumerated purposes, including the giving of such income and principal to any other domestic or foreign charitable corporation, association, organization or trust; provided, however, that any such domestic or foreign corporation, association, organization or trust is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Code Section 501(c)(3) or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code.

With respect to all of the prior enumerated purposes, however, the Corporation shall be subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

a. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation 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 prior enumerated purposes. 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 of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt

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from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

b. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the 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 so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction 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 purposes.

c. In the event it is determined that the Corporation is a private foundation, within the meaning of Code Section 509(a), then for any such period, the Corporation shall also be subject to the following additional limitations:

(i) The Corporation shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as to not become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

(ii) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

(iii) The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 (c) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

(iv) The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code, or the corresponding section of any

future federal tax code.

(v) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The Corporation shall have and may exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect, or which are conducive to the attainment of, any or all of the prior enumerated purposes, subject to the limitations provided herein and such limitations as are provided by law.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### **Bishop's Council**

There shall be three (3) members of the Bishop's Council, which shall serve as the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The term "Bishop's Council" as used herein shall refer to and have the same meaning as "Board of Directors". The number of members of the Bishop's Council may be increased or decreased from time to time by the Bishop's Council, except that the number of members of the Bishop's Council shall never be less than three (3). The method of election of members to the Bishop's Council shall be as stated in the Diocesan Canons, as more particularly describe below.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

##### **By-Laws**

The Bylaws of the Corporation shall be known as the Diocesan Canons and any reference herein to "Diocesan Canons" shall be synonymous with the term By-Laws. The Diocesan Canons may be amended, altered, rescinded and new Diocesan Canons or By-Laws may be adopted by the Bishop's Council.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

##### **Membership**

The Corporation is a nonstock corporation and shall have no authority to issue any capital stock. The Corporation shall have members and the rights and conditions of

membership in the Corporation, if any, shall be as stated in the Diocesan Canons.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

##### **Ecclesiastical Affiliation**

The Corporation shall be a diocese of the Southeast Province of the Charismatic Episcopal Church, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Florida, and shall be organized and operated under applicable Canon Law of the Charismatic Episcopal Church adopted October 22, 1999, as amended from time to time.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

##### **Perpetual Existence**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### **ARTICLE X**

##### **Indemnification**

The Corporation shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law as now or hereafter in effect, indemnify all persons whom it may indemnify. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not limit or exclude any rights, indemnities or limitations of liabilities to which any person may be entitled, whether as a matter of law, under the Diocesan Canons adopted by the Corporation, by agreement, vote of disinterested members of the Bishop's Council or otherwise.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

##### **Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the Bishop's Council provided, however, that any amendment will not adversely affect the status of the Corporation as an organization qualifying for tax exempt status as a church or convention or association of churches under section 501(c)(3) of the Code."

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**ARTICLE XII**

**Incorporator**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

W. Morgan Speer

W. Morgan Speer, P.A.

1800 Australian Avenue South, Suite 100

West Palm Beach, FL 33409

WITNESS the hand and seal of said incorporator this 15 of September, 2005.

W. Morgan Speer  
W. Morgan Speer, Incorporator

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**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT**

SECTION  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR  
THE COUNTY OF PALM BEACH  
STATE OF FLORIDA

Pursuant to Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted: That THE CHARISMATIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH DIOCESE OF FLORIDA, INC. desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office located at 8057 Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville, Florida 32211, has named W. Morgan Speer, P.A., 1800 Australian Avenue South, Suite 100, West Palm Beach, Florida 33409, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

Having been named to accept service of process for the above referenced Corporation, the undersigned does hereby accept the appointment as Registered Agent and agree to act in this capacity.

W. MORGAN SPEER, P.A.

By:

W. Morgan Speer

Its: President

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