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SUBJECT: HOPE FOR TAMPA COMMUNITY CENTER, INC. (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original a	nd one(1) copy of the Art	icles of Incorporation and	a check for:
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FROM: Michael Jones
Name (Printed or typed)

5107 W. Lutz Lake Fern Rd.
Address

Lutz FL 33558

City, State & Zip

813-818-1211

Daytime Telephone number

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF.

TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

# HOPE FOR TAMPA COMMUNITY CENTER, INC. a Florida not for Profit Corporation

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statute, the undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for-profit, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The name of the corporation shall be the HOPE FOR TAMPA COMMUNITY CENTER, INC. (hereafter "the Corporation"), and the principal office shall be at 5107 West Lutz Lake Fern Road, Lutz, Florida 33558.

#### ARTICLE II DURATION

The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

#### ARTICLE III PURPOSES

The Corporation is organized exclusively for educational, religious, and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that also qualify as Section 501(c)(3) exempt organizations. To this end, all funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

### ARTICLE IV POWERS

The Corporation shall have all of the powers now provided or which may hereafter be provided for not for profit corporations by the laws of the State of Florida, and is empowered to do all lawful acts or things necessary, appropriate or desirable to carry out and in furtherance of its purposes described in Article III.

#### ARTICLE V LIMITATIONS

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation, if any, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any member of the corporation not qualifying as exempt under Section

501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, nor to any Director or Officer of the corporation, nor to any other private persons, except that the corporation is authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation to any person or organization for services rendered to the corporation, to make reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the corporation, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles;

- 2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; and
- 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not engage in any activities not permitted by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, as now enacted or hereafter amended. The Foundation shall not be empowered to do any act or thing which would cause it to lose its status as a not for profit corporation under the laws of the United States or of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All corporate powers of the Corporation shall be at all times vested in a Board of Directors, whose operations in governing the Corporation shall be defined by statute and by the Corporation's Bylaws. The number of directors on the Board of Directors from time to time shall never be less than five (5) nor more than twenty (20). The qualifications, election or appointment procedures, terms of service, powers and duties of the Directors and Officers of the Corporation shall be governed by the Bylaws.

The Corporation's Board of Directors shall initially consist of six (6) directors. The names and addresses of the members of the initial Board of Directors who shall hold office and serve until their successors are elected or appointed or until they are removed in accordance with the Corporation's Bylaws are as follows:

Name	Address
Jim Bird	18304 Wayne Road Odessa, Florida 33556
Don Gillespie	8803 Bys Run Odessa, Florida 33556
Lance Henderson	2504 St. Charlotte Place

Tampa, Florida 33618

Dwayne Ingram 17820 Willow Lake Drive

Odessa, Florida 33556

Michael Jones 19143 Golden Cacoon Place

Lutz, Florida 33558

Benson Porter 55208 Lady Rose Court

Lutz, Florida 33558

#### ARTICLE VII BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors, and may be altered, amended or repealed by the Board of Directors in the manner provided for in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation by the affirmative vote of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the directors present at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION

Upon any dissolution of the Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida for not for profit corporations, all of its assets remaining after payment of creditors shall be distributed to one or more organizations selected by the Board of Directors which are qualified as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended and which further the purposes for which the Corporation was organized, subject to the conditions, restrictions, and limitations to which such assets were subject when they were assets of the Corporation. In no event shall any of the Corporation's assets be distributed to the officers, directors, or members of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE X INDEMNIFICATION

Every Director, Officer and employee of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against and reimbursed for all reasonable expenses and liabilities, including attorneys' fees, reasonably incurred or imposed upon them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be a party, or in which they may become involved, by reason of their being or having been a Director, Officer or employee of the Corporation, or any settlement thereof, whether or not they are Directors, Officers or employees at the time such are incurred, except in such cases where the Director, Officer or employee is adjudged guilty of willful malfeasance or misfeasance in the performance of duties; provided that, in the event of a settlement, the indemnification herein shall apply only when the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in

the best interests of the Corporation. With prior approval of the Board of Directors, costs, charges and expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by a Director, officer or employee may be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such Director, officer, or employee to repay all amounts so advanced in the event it shall ultimately be determined that such Director, officer or employee is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this Article or under state law, and upon satisfaction of such other conditions as are required by current or future legislation. The decision by the Corporation to indemnify a Director, officer or employee or to make advances to a Director, officer or employee shall be final and shall not be subject to judicial review. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such Directors, officers or employees shall be entitled. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors shall have the power to consolidate the representation of individual Directors, Officers and employees so that the Corporation shall not incur unreasonable attorneys' fees and other costs. Prompt written notice, by registered mail, of all claims for which indemnification is or may be sought shall be given to the Corporation and no settlement of any such claim shall be entered into without reasonable prior written notice, by registered mail, having been given to the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE XI REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street and mailing address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 5107 West Lutz Lake Fern Road, Lutz, Florida 33558, and the name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at such address is Michael Jones, subject at all times to the right of the Corporation to change either or both the registered office and the registered agent of the Corporation in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Florida from time to time.

Article XII Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator of the Corporation is:

Hope Church, Presbyterian, Inc. 5107 West Lutz Lake Fern Road Lutz, Florida 33558

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation as of this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2005.

HOPE CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN, INC.

a Florida not for profit corporation

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Michael Jones

STATE OF FLORIDA )
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH )

Before me personally appeared MICHAEL JONES, who is personally known to me and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged to and before me that he executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 2th day of November, 2005.

MARTIN D RALSTON
MY COMMISSION # DD456710
EXPIRES: Aug. 1, 2009
07 308-0189 Fortide Notiny Service.com

Marin D Zustro (print name of Notary)
Notary Public, State of Florida

# Acceptance of Registered Agent

I, <u>Michael Jones</u>, hereby certify that I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities of the Registered Agent of HOPE FOR TAMPA COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

Michael Jones

Dated: \_//25/05