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# FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

# COQUINA COMMUNITY CHURCH, INC.

a Florida corporation not for profit

### ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be COQUINA COMMUNITY CHURCH, INC.

## ARTICLE II

The initial principal office of this corporation shall be 10 Rohde Ave., St. Augustine, Florida 32084. The initial mailing address of this corporation shall be same.

#### ARTICLE III

The Statement of Faith of the corporation shall be the same as that of the Evangelical Free Church of America, and its Southeastern District, as it may be changed from time to time and as set forth herein:

## We Believe:

- 1. The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and the Divine and final authority for Christian faith and life.
- 2. In one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 3. That Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross, a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He is now our High Priest and Advocate.
- 4. That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and, during this age, to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, and indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service.
- 5. That man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is, therefore, lost, and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.

- 6. That the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His Resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and, thus become children of God.
- 7. That water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation.
- 8. That the true Church is composed of all such persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the Body of Christ of which He is the Head.
- 9. That only those who are, thus, members of the true Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church.
- 10. That Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church and that every local church has the right, under Christ, to decide and govern its own affairs.
- 11. In the personal and premillennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.
- 12. In the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord; of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment.

#### ARTICLE IV

The corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable and educational 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. More specifically, the corporation is organized for the purpose of forming, maintaining, and operating a church.

## ARTICLE V

This is a corporation not for profit organized under the laws of the State of Florida pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

1. Upon dissolution of this corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation and in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the *Internal Revenue Code* as it now exists or may hereafter be amended, as the Board of Directors shall determine. Such assets shall be distributed to one or more of the following organizations if such organizations shall qualify as an exempt organization: the

Southeastern District of the Evangelical Free Church of America, the Evangelical Free Church of America, or any other exempt organization that shall exist for the furtherance of the Christian faith. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court 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.

- 2. No part of the income or net earnings of this corporation shall be distributable to its members, directors or officers.
- 3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, no member, director, officer, employee or representative of this corporation shall take any action or carry on any activities by or on behalf of the corporation not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the *Internal Revenue Code* and its Regulations as they now exist or may hereafter be amended, or which are not permitted to be taken or carried on by an organization, the contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code and Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

#### ARTICLE VI

The Corporation shall receive as members those who profess Jesus Christ as their Savior, manifest the fruits of the Spirit in their lives, and agree with the Statement of Faith and polity of the Corporation. The Bylaws of the Corporation may set forth terms and conditions regarding qualification, admission, termination, and standing of membership.

## ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation is as follows:

John S. Simons 121 NW Third Street Ocala, Florida 34475

## ARTICLE VIII

This corporation shall have at least three (3) directors initially. The method of election and the number of directors shall be determined by, and may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the By-Laws, but shall never be less than three (3).

The initial directors shall be:

Gardner Gordon 819 E. Red House Branch Rd. St. Augustine, Florida 32084

Greg Davis 816 Riley Lane St. Augustine, FL 32095

Rick Bourque 2143 Brighton Bay Trail W Jacksonville, FL 32246

#### ARTICLE IX

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

John S. Simons 121 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Ocala, Florida 34475

## ARTICLE X

The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide such Bylaws for the conduct of its business in the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time consistent with *Florida Statutes*. The Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new and other Bylaws may be made and adopted by the Board of Directors as provided in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XI

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made and adopted only by a vote of at least two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors of the corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator of this corporation has executed these Articles of Incorporation this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2006.

John S. Simons

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MARION

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 5th day of May, 2006, by John S. Simons, who is personally known to me.

Angela M. Priest Expires: April 24, 2009
Western Surety Company
Commission #DD402880

Notary Public State of Florida

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## ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

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.

This \_5\*\* day of May, 2006.

John S. Simons

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