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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**TEMPLE HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.**

The undersigned subscriber, to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, hereby forms a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617 Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The name of this Corporation shall be: TEMPLE HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. (the "Corporation"). The initial principal office of the Corporation shall be located at 8406 N. 46th Street, Tampa, Florida, 33617, but the Corporation shall have the power to relocate its principal office and to establish branch offices at other places within or without the State of Florida as may be determined and deemed expedient from time to time. The initial mailing address of the Corporation shall be 8406 N. 46th Street, Tampa, Florida 33617, but the Corporation shall have the power to change its mailing address to an address within or without the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSES**

The purposes for which this Corporation is organized are:

To glorify God in the salvation of souls through the preaching of the crucified, glorified and coming Savior, Christ Jesus.

To promote by every possible scriptural means the world-wide proclamation of the glorious and saving gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

To maintain regular services for the promotion of prayer, worship and Bible study.

To provide a haven of fellowship for all who have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

To instruct its members in the things of God, thus contributing to their spiritual edification and thus encouraging them in holy living.

To observe and administer the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and baptism.

To contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints and to defend it

vigorously against every onslaught of the enemy. II Cor. 6:14-7:1, II Peter 2.

To cooperate with Christian activity functioning in harmony with God's Holy Word, the Bible.

To provide for education at every academic level that is approved by the Board of Deacons.

To confer ministerial credentials to and conduct ordination services for individuals of like faith upon the recommendation of the pastor and the approval of the Church.

### ARTICLE III

#### POWERS

The Corporation shall possess all powers allowed by law, including but not limited to, the power to:

To purchase, acquire, own, hold, guarantee, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, loan or otherwise dispose of and deal in any bonds, securities, evidence of indebtedness or other personal property, as well as to purchase, acquire, own, hold, sell, transfer, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of and deal in real estate; and, as the owner of any such real or personal property, to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership;

To receive assistance, money, real or personal property and any other form of contributions from any person, firm or corporation, to be utilized in the furtherance of the objects and purposes of the Corporation; to enter into agreements or contracts for regular and irregular contributions to the Corporation for its objects and purposes;

To establish an office and employ such assistance and clerical force as may be necessary and proper in the judgment of the Board of Deacons of the Corporation;

To distribute, in the manner, form and method, and by the means determined by the Board of Deacons of the Corporation, any and all forms of contributions received by it in carrying out charitable, educational, and scientific, programs of the Corporation in the furtherance of its stated purposes, in a manner that assures that money and real or personal property contributed to the Corporation in the furtherance of these objects and purposes are and shall continue to be impressed with a trust for such purposes;

To contract and be contracted with, and to sue and be sued;

To invest and reinvest surplus funds in such securities and properties as the Board of Deacons of the Corporation may from time to time determine;

To apply the whole or any part of the income and principal of the Corporation exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes, either directly or by contributions to

organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provisions of any successor laws or regulations (the "Internal Revenue Code").

To do all acts and things requisite, necessary, proper and desirable to carry out and further the objects for which the Corporation is formed; and, in general, to have all the rights, privileges and immunities, and enjoy all the benefits of the laws of the State of Florida applicable to corporations of this character, including but not limited to the powers described in Section 617.0302 of the Florida Statutes; and

To adopt and use a corporation seal containing the words "corporation not for profit", if desired and deemed necessary.

The enumeration of the foregoing shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the general powers of the Corporation. The objects, purposes and powers of the Corporation however, shall be exercised, construed and limited in their application to accomplish the charitable, education, and scientific purposes for which the Corporation is formed. The activities of the Corporation shall be consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Corporation shall be as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE V

##### DURATION AND EXISTENCE

The existence of the Corporation shall begin on January 15, 2007 and thereafter the existence of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### SUBSCRIBER

The name and address of the subscriber is:

Judy Kamniewicz  
315 South Hyde Park Avenue  
Tampa, Florida 33606

## ARTICLE VII

### OFFICERS

The affairs of the Corporation shall be conducted by the Pastor, deacons, trustees, clerk, financial secretary and treasurer. Others may be added as deemed necessary

The election of such officers, as well as the fixing of the time and place for holding special and annual meetings, shall be as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE VIII

### DEACONS

The Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Deacons. The number of Deacons serving on the Board of Deacons, the election or appointment of Deacons, and the fixing of the time and place for holding special and annual meetings shall be as provided in the Bylaws and Constitution of the Corporation.

The initial Deacons shall be:

Clayton Bailie, as Deacon  
8406 North 46th St.  
Tampa, Florida 33617

Steve Lewis, as Deacon  
8406 North 46th St.  
Tampa, Florida 33617

Thomas Diers, as Deacon  
8406 North 46th St.  
Tampa, Florida 33617

Peter Maass, as Deacon  
8406 North 46th St.  
Tampa, Florida 33617

A deacon shall be elected to an unlimited tenure of office to be terminated at his own pleasure or the pleasure of the Church or a majority vote of the deacon board. Deacons must meet the qualifications as set forth in the scriptures. New deacons are to be elected by recommendation of the pastor and present deacons in the following manner:

- (1) Candidate to be prayed over by pastor and deacons to seek God's will.
- (2) Candidate to be interviewed by pastor as to qualifications.
- (3) Candidate to meet with present deacons for purpose of interviewing, discussing duties,

and qualifications.

- (4) Candidate and wife to be introduced to congregation and recommended after testimonies for election.
- (5) Election of new deacons to be a majority vote of membership present at such meeting.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any time by a resolution adopted by the majority vote of the Board of Deacons at any annual or special meeting, provided a quorum is present and further provided that due notice of the proposed amendment has been given to the Deacons then serving on the Board of Deacons in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws and Constitution of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE X

#### CHARITABLE LIMITATIONS

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, the members, Deacons, or officers of the Corporation, or to any other private person; no part of the assets of the Corporation shall be expended to the benefit of anyone other than a recipient of funds for charitable, educational or scientific purposes. All such income and all such assets shall be used and expended solely for the purposes stated in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to the Corporation and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes as set forth herein.

In the event that the Corporation is characterized as a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code during any period, the Corporation, during such period:

Shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code;

Shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code;

Shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;

Shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

Shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or by any organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ARTICLE XI

##### DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Deacons shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation by transferring such assets to such organizations which are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as are engaged in activities of the type described in Article II above, as the Board of Deacons shall determine. Any of 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.

#### ARTICLE XII

##### REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered agent and the initial registered office for the Corporation are as follows: Judy Karniewicz, Hines Norman Hines, P.L., 315 South Hyde Park Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33606.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 17 day of January, 2007 for the uses and purposes therein stated.

  
Judy Karniewicz

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that on this day, before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the State of Florida to take acknowledgments, personally appeared JUDY KARNIEWICZ, to me known to be the person described as the subscriber in and who adopted the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of the TEMPLE HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., and acknowledged before me that she subscribed said Articles of Incorporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State of Florida this 17 of January, 2007.

*Julie C. Richie*  
Notary Public, State of Florida



**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE  
FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE,  
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED FOR  
TEMPLE HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.**

Pursuant to Florida Statute Section 617.0503, TEMPLE HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office as indicated in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, hereby designates Judy Karniewicz, 315 South Hyde Park Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33606, as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

Having been named to accept service of process for TEMPLE HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., at the place designated hereinunder, I hereby consent to act in this capacity, and hereby agree to comply with the laws of the State of Florida relative to said office.

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

*Judy Karniewicz*  
Judy Karniewicz

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