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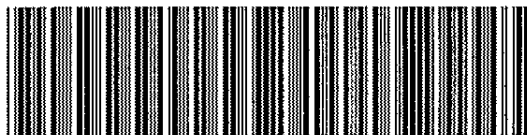
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March 5, 2007

Florida Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: **Hickory Grove United Methodist Church, Inc., a corporation not for profit**

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are original and duplicate Articles of Incorporation re the above, together with a check in the amount of \$78.75.

Please file the original Articles and return the certified duplicate to me in the stamped preaddressed envelope attached.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Dianne Scroggs  
Treasurer

dks/s

Enc.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
HICKORY GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.

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The undersigned, who is a citizen of the United States, desiring to form a corporation, not for profit, under the State of Florida, does hereby certify:

FIRST:

The name of said corporation shall be HICKORY GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.

SECOND:

The place where the principal office of the corporation is to be located is 1218 N. E. Hickory Grove Road, Pinetta, Madison County, Florida 32350.

THIRD:

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is formed are as more fully set forth in the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church or as may hereafter, from time to time, be amended, including:

- (a) The promotion of the Christian religion through the preaching of the Word of God, the administration of the sacraments, ordinances, and other means of grace, the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers, the evangelization of the world, and the promotion of the missionary and benevolence causes.
- (b) Receiving, holding and disbursing gifts, bequests and funds arising from all sources.
- (c) Acquiring, owning and maintaining real estate, buildings and other property, real or personal, incidental, necessary, or proper to carry out said objects.
- (d) Doing of any and all things necessary or incident to the accomplishment of such purposes.
- (e) All of the above shall be in accordance with the Doctrines, Laws, Usages, *Discipline*, and Ministerial appointments of The United Methodist Church.

FOURTH:

The following persons shall serve as the initial trustees of said corporation and shall serve as provided in the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church:

NAME	ADDRESS
SANDRA ULM	4852 N. E. County Road 255 Lee, Florida 32059
MELINDA SMITH	1855 Rocky Ford Road Madison, Florida 32340
EUGENE WILLIAMS	913 N. E. Hickory Grove Road Pinetta, Florida 32350
BERNARD POOLE	140 N. E. Caladium Way Madison, Florida 32340
MATTIE HACKLE	433 N. E. Cosmos Drive Pinetta, Florida 32350
AB TOWNSEND	4150 Daylily Avenue Pinetta, Florida 32350
ROY WILLIAMS	3397 N. E. Cottonwood Trail Lee, Florida 32059

FIFTH:

Upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation of HICKORY GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC., the society or association now known as HICKORY GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, a corporation not for profit, and the members of such society or association shall be members of such corporation, and all the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, franchises, authority, property, and obligations of such unincorporated society or association shall thereupon pass to, vest in, and be the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, franchises, authority, property and obligations of HICKORY GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC., a corporation not for profit.

SIXTH:

The corporation shall support the Doctrine of The United Methodist Church and

all its property, both real and personal, shall be subject to the *Discipline*, Laws, Usages and Ministerial appointments of The United Methodist Church as are now or shall be, from time to time, established, made, and declared by the lawful authority of the said church.

SEVENTH:

The corporation, in conformity with the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church, shall have the power to receive, acquire, and hold title, in trust or otherwise, to real and personal property, and to improve, encumber, lease, sell, convey, and dispose of all such property.

EIGHTH:

Subject to the provisions of the *Discipline*, the corporation shall have the power to erect and maintain buildings for the worship of God, for training in Christian faith and conduct and for Christian social intercourse and to purchase, lease and/or rent and otherwise acquire or build and maintain residences for the use and occupancy of its ministers.

NINTH:

The business of this corporation shall be conducted in conformity with the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church as the same now exists or as may hereafter be amended, changed or modified, and the bylaws of the corporation shall include the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church and no bylaws shall be adopted inconsistent with the provisions of said *Discipline*.

In addition to the powers and duties granted to this corporation by the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church, the corporation assumes for itself all the rights, powers and privileges and immunities which are now, and which may be during the existence thereof. Be conferred by law upon corporation with a similar character, provided the same are not inconsistent with said *Discipline*. All amendments, bylaws, and regulations of this corporation shall at all times be in conformity with the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church.

But notwithstanding the above, however, at no time shall any of the amendments, bylaws, or regulations of the corporation be prohibited by or in conflict with the nonprofit corporate laws of the State of Florida.

TENTH:

The members of the corporation shall mean the membership of the corporation and

shall be composed of such persons (ministerial and lay) as from time to time shall be defined in accordance with the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church, and such members thereof shall have only such voting and other rights as now exist or may hereafter be granted by the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church.

ELEVENTH:

If for any reason the corporation shall be abandoned, discontinued or cease to exist as a legal entity and its charter shall expire or be terminated, the title to all its property, both real and personal, shall be vested and be the property of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, pursuant to said *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church, and if it should not be in existence to any successor United Methodist organization and if none to an organization qualified under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.



RANDY BUCHANAN, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF MADISON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007, by **RANDY BUCHANAN**, who personally appeared before me at the time of notarization, and who is personally known to me and who did not take an oath.



NOTARY PUBLIC,

State of Florida at Large.

My Commission Expires:



Dianne Scroggs  
Commission # DD341322  
Expires: SEP. 10, 2008  
Suzanne Thru  
Atlantic Bonding Co., Inc.

I hereby accept designation as Registered Agent of **HICKORY GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.**



RANDY BUCHANAN

724 N. E. Cosmos

Pinetta, Florida 32350