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Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:

\$70.00 \$\times \$78.75 \$\ \times \$87.50\$\$

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Corporations

April 2, 2007

CINDY RUDD 3246 SYCAMORE ROAD QUINCY, FL 32351

SUBJECT: SYCAMORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.

Ref. Number: W07000015980



We have received your document for SYCAMORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name of the entity must be identical throughout the document.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF SYCAMORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.

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The undersigned, all of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a corporation, not for profit, under Florida statute, do here by certify:

FIRST: The name of said corporation shall be

SYCAMORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.

SECOND: The place where the principal office of the corporation is to be

Located at 3246 Sycamore Road, Ouincy, Gadsden County, FL.

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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 if any and all things necessary or incident to the accomplishments 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. These officers shall be elected and serve as stated in the Bylaws of Sycamore United Methodist Church, Inc. The directors will be elected/appointed as stated in the bylaws.

Ron Bentley Pres.
Sharon Bentley V.P.
Glenda McPherson Tres.
Cindy Rudd Sec.

1067 Winding Creek Road, Quincy, FL 32351 29 Barr Road, Quincy, FL 32351 672 Middle Creek Road, Quincy, FL 32351 142 Guy Lane, Quincy, FL 32351

FIFTH: Upon filing of these Articles of Incorporation of Sycamore United Methodist Church or society or association now known as Sycamore United Methodist Church, Inc., 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 Sycamore 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 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 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, and if it should not be in existence to any successor United Methodist organization and if none to a organization qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names, this 19th day of March, 2007.

INCORPORATORS

At Sycamore United Methodist Church, INC 3426 Sycamore Road, Quincy, FL 32351

March 19, 2007

SYCAMORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC. ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT OF AGENT

The undersigned, being at least a majority of the incorporators, of Sycamore United Methodist Church, Inc., a corporation not for profit, hereby appoints Cindy Rudd, a natural person, resident of Florida, in which corporation has its principal office, as agent of Sycamore United Methodist Church, Inc., upon whom any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by statute to be served upon the corporation may be served. Her complete address is 142 Guy Lane, Quincy, FL 32351.

By: Marry Forthe

SYCAMORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.

At: 3426 Sycamore Road, Quincy, FL 32351

March 19, 2007

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: I hereby accept appointment to serve as agent of your corporation upon whom process, tax notices, or demands may be served.

Incorporators

Statutory Agent Cindy Rudd

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