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June 29, 2007

Division of Corporations
Department of State
Post Office Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: Lake Church, Incorporated.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for Lake Church, Incorporated. If the Articles meet with your approval, please file them and return the copy to our office with a stamp showing that it has been filed.

Enclosed is a check to cover the costs of this corporation, which are as follows:

\$ 35.00 - Filing fee

8.75 - Certificate of Status

35.00 - Registered Agent Designation

\$ 78.75 Total

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Summers

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF LAKE CHURCH, INCORPORATED

The undersigned incorporator files these Articles of Incorporation in order to form a corporation under the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act.

# **ARTICLE I**

# Corporate Name, Principal Office and Mailing Address

The name of the corporation is Lake Church, Incorporated. The mailing address and the principal office address of the corporation is 16610 County Line Road, Umatilla, Florida 32784.

#### **ARTICLE II**

# **Corporate Nature**

This corporation is a not-for-profit corporation, organized for general religious, charitable, and educational purposes pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act (the "Act").

#### **ARTICLE III**

# **Duration**

The term of existence of this corporation is perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

# **General and Specific Purposes**

The general and specific purposes for which this corporation is formed are as follows:

- (a) To operate and maintain a place of worship of the Christian religion for people of like faith.
- (b) To work for the advancement of and to promote the Christian religion, and to carry out any other related or corresponding religious, charitable, or educational purposes by the distribution of its funds for such purposes.
  - (c) To acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), own, hold,

improve, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the operation and affairs of the corporation.

- (d) To borrow money and mortgage, pledge, or hypothecate any or all real or personal property of the corporation as security for money borrowed or debts incurred.
- (e) To fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means of all charges and assessments required for the operation of the corporation and its affairs.
- (f) To make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the operation of the corporation and the use of its assets.
- (g) To exercise all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit.
- (h) To operate exclusively always in any other manner for such religious, charitable, and educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, including private foundations and private operating foundations.

#### **ARTICLE V**

# **Management of Corporate Affairs**

- (a) <u>Board of Directors</u>. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The number of directors who shall serve on the Board shall never be less than three (3). The number of directors may be increased or decreased in the manner provided for in the bylaws.
- (b) <u>Election of Directors</u>. The directors shall be elected in the manner set forth in the bylaws.
- (c) <u>Initial Directors and Officers</u>. The initial directors and officers of the corporation are as follows:

Duane K. Booth, Director and President 16610 County Line Road Umatilla, Florida 32784 Lenard L. Richards, Director and Vice President 21540 Wiygul Road Umatilla, Florida 32784

Tim Story, Director and Secretary 37953 N. County Road 44A Eustis, Florida 32736

#### **ARTICLE VI**

# **Nonprofit Nature**

The corporation shall not exist or be operated for pecuniary profit. A dividend shall not be paid, and no part of the net earnings, the income or the profit of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, or officers. Notwithstanding the nonprofit nature of the corporation as described in this article, the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation to its members, trustees and officers for actual services rendered to the corporation, may confer benefits upon its members in conformity with the corporation's purposes, and may reimburse its members for actual expenses incurred for or on behalf of the corporation, as permitted by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as said Act may be amended from time to time.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

# **Earnings, Activities and Distribution of Assets**

- (a) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.
- (b) No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- (c) Upon dissolution of the corporation, the board of trustees, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, shall dispose of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for the purposes for which the corporation has been formed, or to one or more charitable, educational, religious or scientific organizations as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or

organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, as the board of trustees shall determine, or to the federal, state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purpose or to such organization or organizations as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

# <u>Membership</u>

Qualifications for membership in the corporation, and the manner of admission of members, shall be as regulated by the bylaws for the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

### <u>Incorporator</u>

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

Lenard L. Richards 21540 Wiygul Road Umatilla, Florida 32784

#### ARTICLE X

# **Registered Agent and Office**

The address of the corporation's registered office shall be 350 North Sinclair, Tavares, Florida, 34778, and the name of the registered agent at said address shall be Duane K. Booth.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

# **Dedication of Assets**

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to educational and related or corresponding charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual, except as stated in Article VII of these articles. Upon dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, shall dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes for which this corporation is formed, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code, as the board of directors shall determine, or to the federal, state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purpose or to such organization or organizations as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.)

#### **ARTICLE XII**

# **Amendment**

The articles of incorporation may be amended by the affirmative vote of the members of the board of directors at an annual or a special meeting of the directors at which a quorum is present. Notice of the proposed amendment or amendments, outlining the terms of the amendment or amendments shall be furnished in writing to the members of the board of directors by mail, fax, or electronic means at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the proposed amendment or amendments shall be considered and acted upon by the board of directors.

The undersigned, being the incorporator of this corporation, for the purpose of

forming this non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, has executed these articles of incorporation this 25 day of June, 2007. STATE OF FLORIDA **COUNTY OF LAKE** The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  $\partial^{\mathcal{L}}$ 2007, by Lenard L. Richards, [4] who is personally known to me, or [1] who has produced as identification. Notary Public State of Florida Amu S. Malone Amy S Malone My Commission DD422631 Printed Notary Signature Expires 06/25/2009 My Commission Expires: June 25, 2009 I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent of Lake Church, Incorporated, and state that I understand and am familiar with the obligations of the position of registered agent!

> Duane K. Booth Registered Agent