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## **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT: Christ The	e Solid Rock Baptist Chu (PROPOSED CORPORATE	urch of Tallahassee, ENAME – <u>MUST INCLUI</u>	Inc. <u>DE SUFFIX</u> )	
Enclosed is an original a  \$70.00  Filing Fee	nd one(1) copy of the Article  \$78.75  Filing Fee &  Certificate of  Status	es of Incorporation and a  \$78.75  Filing Fee  & Certified Copy	\$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate	
		ADDITIONAL CO	PY REQUIRED	
FROM:	William Foutz Name (Prin	ted or typed)	-	
6504 North Meridian Road Address			-	
Tallahassee, Fla. 32303  City, State & Zip				
	(850) 878-8658			

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH OF TALLAHASSEE, INC A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

#### ARTICLE I. Name

OT RESOURCE The name of this corporation is Christ The Solid Rock Baptist Church of Tallahassee, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II. Duration

The duration-of this corporation shall be perpetual, commencing with the filing of these Articles with the Department of State of the State of Florida. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the, Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal, state or local government for exclusively public purposes.

#### ARTICLE III. **Purposes**

The primary purpose for which this corporation is organized is to raise money in support of activities of a non-demonitational Church, Christ The Solid Rock Baptist Church of Tallahassee, Inc., Tallahassee, Florida, in its mission with the following:

- Properties To construct, furnish, maintain, repair, purchase, rent, own or otherwise deal any type of property used by the Church.
- В. Outreach/Mission - To support and benefit the Christian mission of the Church outside the parish.
  - C. Education - To support and benefit the Christian educational activities of the Church.
  - Worship/Music To support and benefit the Christian worship activities of the Church. D.

The purpose of this corporation is to attract contributions to be used for above described actions, but shall not be in substitution of the church's responsibilities to raise money to finance the normal operation of the activities of the church, such as salaries.

Donors may restrict their gifts to specific purposes consistent with the purposes of the Foundation, or the donor may make unrestricted gifts in which case the gift may be used at the discretion of the trustees, consistent with the provisions of this Church.

The corporation may undertake any action necessary to further this general purpose.

The corporation shall not, as its primary activity, engage in a regular business of a kind ordinarily carried on for profit. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code.

## ARTICLE IV. Dedication of Assets

All of the funds and other property of this corporation and any monies or other benefits from its operations shall be used solely for the charitable projects in furtherance of the purposes of the corporation. No dividends shall be paid and no part of the income or other funds of the corporation of any kind shall be used for the individual benefit of shareholders, directors, officers, employees or any other persons except as reasonable compensation for services rendered to the corporation in carrying out one or more of its purposes or as reimbursement for expenses incurred in connection therewith.

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 (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of the articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activity or activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code), or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code).

## ARTICLE V. Membership

The corporation's members shall be the Church members that faithfully join and attend Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church of Tallahassee, and as determined by the Church bylaws and custom.

## ARTICLE VI. Location of Principal Office, Initial Registered Office and Name of Initial Registered Agent

The mailing and street address of the principal office of the corporation is 6504 North Meridian Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32303. The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 6504 North Meridian Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32303. The name of the initial registered agent

at such address is William F. Foutz.

## ARTICLE VII. Initial Trustees

The directors of the corporation shall be referred to as trustees. There shall be three trustees constituting the initial board of trustees. The names and address of each person who is to serve as an initial trustees will be determined at an inaugral meeting. The initial Chair of the Trustees will be William F. Foutz, 6504 North Meridian Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32303.

## ARTICLE VIII. Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation is William F. Foutz, 6504 North Meridian Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32303.

## ARTICLE IX. Indemnification of Trustees and Officers

The Corporation hereby indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless from claim, liability, (a) loss or judgment any Trustee or officer made a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action, suit or proceeding by or on behalf of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor), brought to impose a liability or penalty on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such person in his capacity as Trustee, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise in which he served at the request of the Corporation, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees actually and reasonably incurred as a result of such action, suit or proceeding or any appeal thereof, if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable ground for the belief that such action was unlawful. The termination of any such action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not create a presumption that such Trustee or officer did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation. Such person shall not be entitled to indemnification in relation to matters as to which such person has been adjudged to have been guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his duties to the Corporation.

- (b) Any indemnification under paragraph (a) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that amounts for which a Trustee or officer seeks indemnification were properly incurred and that such Trustee or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation, and that, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he or she had no reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. Such determination shall be made either (1) by the Board of Trustees by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Trustees who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or (2) by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of shareholders who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding.
- (c) The Corporation shall be entitled to assume the defense of any person seeking indemnification pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a) above upon a preliminary determination by the Board of Trustees that such person has met the applicable standards of conduct set forth in paragraph (a) above, and upon receipt of an undertaking by such person to repay all amounts expended by the Corporation in such defense, unless it shall ultimately be determined that such person is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this article. If the Corporation elects to assume the defense, such defense shall be conducted by counsel chosen by it and not objected to in writing for valid reasons by such person. In the event that the Corporation elects to assume the defense of any such person and retains such counsel, such person shall bear the fees and expenses of any additional counsel retained by him, unless there are conflicting interests between or among such person and other parties represented in the same action, suit or proceeding by the counsel retained by the Corporation, that are, for valid reasons, objected to in writing by such person, in which case the reasonable expenses of such additional representation shall be within the scope of the indemnification intended if such person is ultimately determined to be entitled thereto as authorized in this article.
- (d) The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be deemed to limit in any way the power of the Corporation to indemnify under any applicable law.
- (e) The indemnification contained in this Article IX shall not constitute a waiver of the protection of Section 617.0285, Florida Statutes, or any other provision of law exonerating officers or trustees of Florida not for profit corporations from liability.

### ARTICLE X.

#### **Management of Corporate Affairs**

(a) Board of Trustees: The power of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a board of trustees. The number of trustees of the corporation shall be five (5); provided, however, that such number may be changed by the addition of trustees by unanimous action of the trustees. The initial board of trustees shall consist of the persons determined at the first meeting, and ratified by the Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church of Tallahassee. Thereafter the Board of Trustees shall consist of such persons as may be chosen from time to time by a majority of the members of the Board of Trustees then serving, and ratified by the Christ The Solid

Rock Baptist Church of Tallahassee, Inc. Each Trustee shall serve until his successor is named by the Board of Trustees.

(b) Corporate Officers: The Board of Trustees shall elect such officers as the bylaws of this corporation may authorize the trustees to elect from time to time. Such officers shall be initially elected at the organizational meeting of the board of trustees.

The undersigned, being the incorporator of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation under the Laws of the State of Florida has executed these articles of incorporation on August 8, 2007.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF LEON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared WILLIAM F. FOUTZ, who upon being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he executed the foregoing ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this 5th day of August 2007, by WILLIAM F. FOUTZ, who is personally known to me.

**Thomas Porter Crapps** Commission # DD507301 Expires May 16, 2010

Notary Public Commission No.

Thomas Porter Cras Commission # DD507 Expires May 16, 20 3

My Commission Expires:

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above state 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.

Signature/Registered Agent
William Foutz

August 8, 2007

Date

August 8, 2007

Signature/Incorporator
William Foutz

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