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Kyle E. Petteway

May 22, 2008

Secretary of State Division of Corporations New Filings Section P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Incorporation of First United Methodist Church of High Springs, Inc.

Dear Corporate Filing Representative:

Enclosed are the following documents relating to the incorporation of First United Methodist Church of High Springs, Inc.:

- (1) Articles of Incorporation for First United Methodist Church of High Springs, Inc., signed by the incorporators of the corporation;
- (2) Acceptance of Registered Agent, signed by the registered agent of the corporation; and
- (3) A check in the amount of \$78.75 for filing the Articles of Incorporation (\$35.00), filing the Acceptance of Resident Agent (\$35.00), and for issuance of a Certificate of Status for the corporation (\$8.75).

Please file the Articles of Incorporation and forward a Certificate of Status to me.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the enclosed documents. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely.

Amy L. Kenner, CLA
Certified Legal Assistant to

Gary D. Grunder

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HIGH SPRINGS, INC. 23 PM 12: 53 A NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION SECRETARY OF STATE

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## ARTICLE I NAME AND TERM OF EXISTENCE

The name of the corporation is First United Methodist Church of High Springs, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "corporation". The existence of the corporation shall commence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Department of State of the State of Florida and shall continue in perpetuity.

#### ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The corporation is a not for profit corporation. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- A. The specific and primary purposes for which the corporation is formed are to operate for the advancement of religion and for other charitable purposes, by the distribution of its funds for those purposes, and particularly for:
- 1. 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.
- 2. Receiving, holding, and disbursing gifts, bequests, and funds arising from all sources.
- 3. Acquiring, owning, and maintaining real estate, buildings, and other property real or personal, incidental, necessary, or proper to carry out said objectives.
- Doing of any and all things necessary or incident to the accomplishment of such purposes.
- B. The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for religious and charitable purposes for performing all functions and activities permitted by Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and such powers as corporations not for profit may otherwise now or hereafter have or acquire provided, however, that this corporation in exercising any one or more of such powers shall do so in the furtherance of the purposes which will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any federal tax laws, including, for those purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt organizations under the Code.
- C. This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

#### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall have a membership distinct from the Board of Directors. The qualification of the members of the corporation, the manner of their admission, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members, their liability for dues and assessments if any, membership requirements, and term of membership shall be as regulated in the corporation's By-Laws. All persons who are the charter members of this new church work shall automatically become members of the corporation until such individual's membership in said church shall cease consistent with the corporation's By-Laws.

## ARTICLE IV REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation shall be 17405 NW US Hwy. 441, FL 32643, and the name of the corporation's initial registered agent at such address is <u>James K. Buffington</u>.

## ARTICLE V PRINCIPLE OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The address of the principle office of the corporation shall be 17405 NW US Hwy. 441, FL 32643; and the mailing address of the corporation shall be PO Box 911, HIGH SPRINGS, FL 32655

#### ARTICLE VI INCORPORATORS

The name and address of each incorporator are as follows: James K. Buffington, PO Box 911, High Springs, FL 32655 Robert E. Summers, PO Box 911, High Springs, FL 32655 Martha Barnes, PO Box 911, High Springs, FL 32655

#### ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs and property of the corporation are to be managed by a Board of Directors, who shall also be the Trustees of the corporation, and their duly elected or appointed individual successors. The method of election of the Directors shall be as stated in the corporation's By-Laws. The number of members of the Board of Directors, whose number shall never be less than three, and whose term under these Articles shall be until successors are elected and duly qualified and whose members, terms of office, manner of election and powers, duties and

responsibilities shall be provided for in the By-Laws. The names and residential addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Board of Directors are:

### ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

The corporation shall have as officers a president, secretary and treasurer and any other officers authorized by the corporation's By-Laws. The method of election, terms of office, powers, duties and responsibilities of the officers of the corporation shall be provided for in the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE IX PROPERTY, INCOME AND ASSETS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious and 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, or to the benefit of any private individual.

## ARTICLE X . DISSOLUTION

On the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a not for profit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for religious or charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any federal tax laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 8th day of May 200788

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J. Incorporator Robert E. Summers

J. Incorporator Martha Barnes

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Florida

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Kaum Dail Jairo Notary Public, State of Florida



#### DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

I hereby certify that I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for First United Methodist Church of High Springs, Inc.

Dated this 8th day of May 20078.

Registered Agent James K. Buffinton

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