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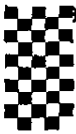
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF RELIGIOUS CORPORATION

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Covenant Community Fellowship TampaBay, Inc.  
(Florida Non-Profit Corporation)

SECRETARY OF STATE  
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THE UNDERSIGNED, each with the capacity to contract, hereby executes and acknowledges these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Florida.

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

ARTICLE I. NAME, OFFICIAL YEAR, ADDRESS OF CORPORATION

SECTION 1. The Corporate name of this church shall be COVENANT COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP TAMPABAY, INC.

SECTION 2. The official year of this Church shall be from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

SECTION 3. The physical address of the corporation shall be 777 Lumsden Road, Brandon, FL 83511

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE, DOCTRINE, AFFILIATION

SECTION 1. This Corporation is a religious Corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized primarily for religious purposes. The purpose of this Church shall be the propagation and dissemination of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, through the preaching, teaching and living of the Full Gospel Message, and shall be based on the Bible as the inspired and infallible Word of the Living God.

The purposes of this Church shall be for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to Organizations that qualify as exempt Organizations under Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

SECTION 2. We acknowledge and adhere to the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, the (sole) only and infallible guide to our faith and lives, and avail ourselves the liberty of conscience prevailing in our Church. A further expression of our faith is given in the Statement of Faith of our Church.

SECTION 3. This Church is an independent body of believers and shall not be affiliated to any Denomination or Association of Churches. We reserve the right to work in harmony and cooperation with other Churches, and to establish Mission Churches at home (U.S.A.) and abroad. We reserve the right to oversee churches at home and abroad.

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERS**

**SECTION 1.** All members shall be non-voting. There shall be only one class of members. All persons professing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, after declaring their intention to submit to the authority of this Church, shall be entitled to membership. No vote shall be taken to confer membership upon an individual. Members shall have the right to attend all services and functions of the Church. It is the duty of all members to take an active part in the organizations and functions of the Church. This includes regular attendance at worship services; prayer, and daily devotions; significant to all, and an outreach to the unchurched. All members are expected to support the Church financially by bringing their tithes and offering unto the Lord on a regular basis.

**SECTION 2.** Membership shall be terminated by death, voluntary withdrawal, or expulsion, and thereafter, all the rights of the members shall cease. Members shall be expelled by a decision of the Pastor and a majority of the Elders of this Church.

**SECTION 3.** The Pastor in consensus with the Elders shall have the right to terminate any person's membership for the following reasons:

- a. The teaching of false doctrine contrary to the Word of God
- b. The continuous practice of sin and immorality causing strife among the members and,
- c. Open rebellion against the Church and/or the Pastor.

**SECTION 4.** An annual meeting of the members of this Church shall be held once a year, preferably on the fourth Sunday, at 7.00 P.M. on said date. Said meetings shall be held for the purpose of the attending members to discuss and recommend Church policy to the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 5.** Special meetings may be called by the Pastor or by a petition of the majority of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SECTION 1.** The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members, but no less than three (3). They shall be the Senior Pastor, three (3) Elders/Pastoral Staff, and three (3) members of the Church (of legal age members of the Church for at least one year).

The Directors named in these Articles shall serve as Directors for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the corporation, and any vacancies before then shall be filled in the manner set forth in the Bylaws.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make provision for reasonable compensation to its members for their services as Directors and to fix the basis and conditions upon which this compensation shall be paid. Any Director may also serve the corporation in any other capacity and receive compensation from there in any form.

The names and addresses of the first Board of Directors are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Adam Garcia	730 Tuscanny Street Brandon, FL 33511
Bruce Allen	712 Colson Road, Plant City, FL 33567
Frank Hernandez	1205 Lakewood Dr, Brandon, FL 33510
Lucas Rivera	919 Nina Elizabeth CR. #201, Brandon, FL 33511
Stewart Beale	PO Box 1713, Valrico, FL 33595

- SECTION 2.** The Pastor shall be the President of the Board of Directors. He shall appoint the first Board of Directors.
- SECTION 3.** The Board of Directors shall manage the temporal affairs of the Corporation. The Board of Directors, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors then in office, shall have authority to establish reasonable compensation of all Directors for services to the Corporation as Directors, Officers, or otherwise. The Board of Directors also shall have the authority to provide for reasonable pensions, disability or death benefits, and other benefits of payments to Directors, Officers and Employees and to their estates, families, dependents or beneficiaries on account of prior services rendered by such Directors, Officers, and Employees to the Corporation.
- SECTION 4.** The term of office of the Directors shall be indefinite. The first Board of Directors named in the Articles of Incorporation shall hold office indefinitely. In the event of a vacancy, the remaining Directors shall unanimously appoint a successor to serve indefinitely.
- SECTION 5.** A Director may be removed from office for cause by the affirmative vote of all of the other Directors.
- SECTION 6.** Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on such time and place as may be fixed by the President of the Board. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held without notice. Special meetings of the Board of Directors, called by a majority of the Board, shall be held upon ten (10) days written notice. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of any special meeting of the Board of Directors need to be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

#### **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION**

- SECTION 1.** The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, one Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Pastor shall always be the President of the Corporation and will appoint the other Officers of the Corporation. The Officers of the Corporation shall hold office indefinitely.
- SECTION 2.** All Officers and Agents of the Corporation, as between themselves and the Corporation, shall have such authority and perform such duties in the management of the Corporation as may be determined by resolution of a majority of the Board of Directors.
- SECTION 3.** Any Officer or Agent appointed may be removed by decision of the Pastor and Elders of this Church whenever in their judgment the best interests of the Corporation will be served thereby.

**SECTION 4. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICERS AND AGENT**

The name of the Initial agent of the corporation is Lucas Rivera, and the street address of the Initial registered office of this corporation is 777 Lumsden Road, Brandon, FL 33511.

**SECTION 5. The names and residence addresses of the subscribers to these Articles are as follows.**

NAME	ADDRESS
Dr. Juan Garcia Jr.	1411 Fernwood Place, Seffner, FL 33584

**SECTION 6. OFFICERS**

The officers whose positions and duties are set forth in the Bylaws will manage the affairs of this corporation. The Board of Directors shall elect the officers at its first meeting. If a vacancy occurs in any office the Board of Directors shall fill it. The names of the officers who are to serve until the first such election are as follows:

NAME	OFFICE
Dr. Juan Garcia, Jr.	President
Marilyn Garcia	Executive Vice President
Lucas Rivera	Administrative Assistant
Bruce Allen	Treasurer

**ARTICLE VI. THE SENIOR PASTOR**

**SECTION 1.** The Senior Pastor of this Church shall hold his office for an indefinite period. He shall be the President of the Board of Directors. In order to terminate this relationship, he shall give the Corporation three (3) months notice, unless by mutual consent shorter notice shall be accepted. The Senior Pastor may not be removed by a majority vote of the Directors. Should the Senior Pastor decide he is unable to continue fulfilling his duties as a Shepherd of this Church, he should appoint a new Pastor with the advice and in harmony with the Elders of this Church, and his services shall thereupon terminate at the time fixed in such notice which shall be not less than three (3) months from the date on which such notice is actually delivered. The three (3) months notice required herein by both, the Pastor and the Corporation, may be waived by mutual consent. The Senior Pastor shall have the power to appoint other Pastors to help him fulfill the Ministry of this Church.

**SECTION 2.** The Senior Pastor shall be the spiritual and temporal Leader of the Church and shall minister to the spiritual needs of the people, guard the membership against dissension, put forth his best efforts for the promulgation and dissemination of the Full Gospel Message as set forth in the Holy Bible.

**SECTION 3.** The Senior Pastor shall conduct the worship services of the Church and shall perform all religious ceremonies in the Church, or he could discharge some of these duties to other Ministers or Elders belonging to this Church. To invite a Speaker either during a temporary absence of the Pastor or for special occasions, the consent of the Pastor is necessary.

**SECTION 4.** The Pastor's salary shall be paid promptly in weekly installments and shall be sufficient to relieve him of temporal cares as far as possible to preserve the dignity of his calling. The Pastor shall determine his own salary, after consulting the Elders of the Church.

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**SECTION 5.** The Pastor shall have full responsibility in the supervision of all services of the Church and all meetings of the Church membership and Officials, accepting as otherwise herein provided, and shall have general supervision over all departments such as Christian Education, Young People, Music and all other auxiliary activity. He shall be ex-officio member of all Church Bodies and Organizations.

**SECTION 6.** The Pastor in the absence or disability of the Secretary or Treasurer of the Church shall perform the functions of such Officials during their absence, provided, however, the Pastor shall have authority to delegate this power to any other Officer of the Church.

#### **ARTICLE VII. BOOKS AND RECORDS**

**SECTION 1.** The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members and Board of Directors. Any member or his Agent or Attorney may inspect all relevant books and records of the Corporation, for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

**SECTION 1.** An amendment shall be adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors upon receiving the vote of a majority of the Directors in office.

**SECTION 2.** Hereafter, by-laws may be adopted, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the Directors.

#### **ARTICLE IX. PROPERTIES AND ASSETS**

**SECTION 1.** The Congregation may, in its Corporate name, sue, and be sued, hold purchase and receive title by gift, grant, devise, bequest, or other conveyance of and to any property, real or personal, with power to mortgage, sell, convey, or lease the same.

**SECTION 2.** A sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of any or all of the property and assets of the Corporation, and the mortgage or pledge of any or all of the property and assets of the Corporation shall be authorized by a majority vote of the Directors.

**SECTION 3.** In the event that the Ministry of COVENANT COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP TAMPABAY, INC is brought to a conclusion and this Corporation is dissolved, the Board of Directors of this Corporation hereby direct that all just obligations and responsibilities be first paid in full and that none of its assets thereafter remaining shall inure to the benefit of any individual member or Officer of this Corporation, or any other private individual. All such remaining assets, if any, shall, in the event of the dissolving of this Corporation by majority vote of the Board of Directors of this Corporation, be turned over to a religious, educational, or charitable organization or organizations must also be recognized by the United States Treasury Department as entitled to income tax exemption, under Section 501(c) 8 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**SECTION 4.** The private property of members of this Corporation shall be exempt from corporate debts and liabilities, unless they have signed a loan or obligation as Agreeable Guarantors.

**ARTICLE X.**

**SECTION 1. DURATION**


The period of duration of this Corporation is perpetual from the date of filing of the original Articles of Incorporation hereof.

**SECTION 2. NON-PROFIT RELIGIOUS CORPORATION**

This Corporation shall be a non-profit religious Corporation without stock or fixed capital and members of the Corporation shall be those duly admitted to membership as specified in Article II.

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED**, for the purposes of becoming a corporation not for profit under the provisions of the laws of Florida, do make and affix our signatures to acknowledge and file in the office of the Secretary of State these articles of Incorporation.

WITNESS our respective hands and on the dates and places indicated below.

  
NAME OF INCORPORATOR

Having been named as Registered Agent to accept services of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment of Registered Agent and agree to act in this capacity.

  
REGISTERED AGENT

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