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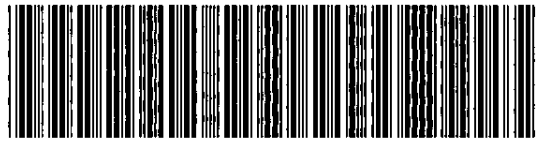
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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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## COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: Renown Church, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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Filing Fee &  
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Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Adam Ponder  
Name (Printed or typed)

2019 Serenity Pl.  
Address

Matthews, NC 28104  
City, State & Zip

704.496.3476  
Daytime Telephone number

atponder@gmail.com  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

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In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit) 2009 NOV 23 P 3:18

### **ARTICLE I. NAME**

SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The name of the corporation is: **RENOWN CHURCH, INC.**

### **ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal street address is:

**12960 Commerce Lake Drive  
Unit 7  
Fort Myers, FL 33913**

The mailing address is:

**12960 Commerce Lake Drive  
Unit 7  
Fort Myers, FL 33913**

### **ARTICLE III. PURPOSES**

The Church is organized exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law), including but not limited to establishing and maintaining a church that will worship God by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and building up Christian believers through various means and methods, in accordance with the teaching of the Holy Bible, and distributions to or for the use of organizations exempt at the time under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law). Subject to the foregoing, the Church has all powers authorized for nonprofit corporations, and not prohibited to nonprofit corporations, under the State of Florida Nonprofit Corporation Code.

#### **ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1.**     **Powers.** The Board of Directors, also known as the Board of Elders (hereinafter, "Board of Elders") governs the Church, and has all the rights and powers of a Board of Elders under the laws of the State of Florida and of the United States, as well as such other rights and authority as are herein granted. At any time the Board of Elders is not limited in its authority, as such limitations are defined in the Bylaws (hereinafter, "Constitution"), or at any time that Constitution is not in force, such powers include, but are not limited to, the power to adopt, amend, or restate the Constitution and other corporate governing documents (except these Articles of Incorporation) in any way not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation or the laws of the State of Florida or of the United States, by no less than a majority vote of those Elders present at a meeting duly called and held. The Board of Elders shall be the final arbiter of all questions of church doctrine, church discipline, church property, church policy, and church polity of every kind and nature whatsoever, and the Board of Elders in its deliberations as the ecclesiastical government of the church shall use as its sole and final authority and standard the Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testaments.

**Section 2.**     **Number.** The Board of Elders must consist of not fewer than three (3) Elders, and of not more than a maximum number determined by the Constitution, of the Church as amended from time to time.

**Section 3.**     **Term.** The term of each member of the Board of Elders will be as established in the Constitution.

**Section 4.**     **Election.** Elders are elected pursuant to a process specified in the Constitution of the Church. Before such a process is specified in the Constitution, Elders are elected by the remaining Elders by a majority vote, upon the expiration of an Elder's term or a

vacancy for any reason (including positions created by an increase in the number of Elders). In the case where the Board shall, by reason of deadlock, (whether because an even number of Elders is seated on the Board, or because certain Elders are absent even though a quorum is present, or because of abstention, or for any other reason), be unable to reach a conclusive vote on any issue before the Board, then, in such instance, the President shall cast a ballot, which shall be known as a "majority ballot", so that an official act or decision may be taken by the Board. If the President also serves as a Elder of the Corporation, the majority ballot shall be cast in addition to the regular Elder's vote cast by the President.

Section 5.     Initial Board of Elders. The initial Board of Elders consists of three (3) Elders, whose names and addresses are:

<b>Adam T. Ponder (President)</b> <b>2019 Serenity Place</b> <b>Matthews, NC 28104</b>
<b>Jeremy Emory</b> <b>519 Locust Grove Road</b> <b>Weaverville, NC 28787</b>
<b>Chris Brown</b> <b>2015 Serenity Place</b> <b>Matthews, NC 28104</b>

#### **ARTICLE V. DURATION**

The Church has perpetual duration.

#### **ARTICLE VI. RESTRICTIONS**

Section 1.     No Private Inurement. No part of the net earnings or property of the Church may inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its Elders, trustees, officers, or other private persons; except that the Church is authorized and empowered to pay reasonable

compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. The Church will not have capital stock or shareholders.

Section 2. No Substantial Lobbying. No substantial part of the activities of the Church may be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Section 3. No Political Campaigning. The Church may not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Section 4. Irrevocable Dedication. The income and assets of the Church are irrevocably dedicated to its exclusive purposes.

#### **ARTICLE VII. MEMBERS**

The Church does not have Members entitled to vote for the election or removal of Elders. Any action which would otherwise require a vote of members shall require only a vote of the Board of Elders/Directors, and no meeting or vote of members shall be required for this Corporation, any provision of the Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation or the Constitution of the corporation to the contrary notwithstanding.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION**

Section 1. Dissolution. The Board of Elders may cease corporate activities and dissolve and liquidate the Church, by majority vote.

Section 2. Liquidation. Upon the dissolution of the Church, the Board of Elders must pay or make provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Church, and thereafter dispose of all of the assets of the Church (i) exclusively for one or more exempt purposes within

the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law), in such manner as the Board of Elders determines, (ii) or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, literary, or scientific purposes as at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3), and at the time are described in Section 170(c)(2) of such Code, as the Board of Elders determines.

#### **ARTICLE IX. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND ADDRESS**

The name and street address of the initial registered agent is:

**Adam T. Ponder**

**12960 Commerce Lake Drive  
Unit 7  
Fort Myers, FL 33913, US**

#### **ARTICLE X. INDEMNIFICATION**

Section 1. The Corporation shall, to the maximum extent permitted by the State of Florida Corporation law, indemnify each of its agents against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding arising by reason of the fact any such person is or was an agent of the Corporation. For purposes of this Article, an "agent" of the Corporation includes any person who is or was an Elder, Director, Officer, employee or other agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as an Elder, Director, Officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, or was an Elder, Director, Officer, employee or agent of a corporation which was a predecessor corporation of the Corporation or of another enterprise at the request of such predecessor corporation.

**ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENT**

At any time the Board of Elders is not limited in its authority to amend the Constitution, as such limitation is defined in the Constitution, or at any time that Constitution are not in force, the Board of Elders may amend or restate these Articles of Incorporation in any way not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Florida or of the United States by no less than a majority vote of those Elders present at a meeting duly called and held.

At any time the Board of Elders is limited in its authority to amend the Constitution, as such limitation is defined in the Constitution, the Board of Elders may recommend the amendment to or restatement of these Articles of Incorporation by no less than a majority vote of those Elders present at a meeting duly called and held. Thereafter, in order for such a recommendation to be implemented, those individuals identified by the Church as members must approve such a recommendation by a majority vote of those present at a meeting duly called and held.

**ARTICLE XII. INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator, a natural person of age eighteen (18) or more, who is a citizen of the United States, is:

Adam T. Ponder  
2019 Serenity Place  
Matthews, NC 28104

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

Adam T. Ponder  
Signature/Registered Agent

11/19/09  
Date

Adam T. Ponder  
Signature/Incorporator

11/19/09  
Date

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