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### RESTATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF ABUNDANT LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA INC.

We, the undersigned, acknowledge and file in the Office of the Secretary of State of Florida, for the purpose of restating the Articles of Incorporation with amendments as by law provided of Abundant Life Assembly of God of Punta Gorda, Florida Inc. a Florida not for Profit Corporation.

#### ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be Abundant Life Ministries of Charlotte County, Florida, Inc. The registered office shall be 1500 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda, Florida, subject to change at any duly called meeting of the Board of Directors. The registered agent of the Corporation at such address is Dennis Postell, Jr.

#### **ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE**

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are as follows:

- A. To disseminate the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Word of God, to the end that people may be evangelized and believers may be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ;
- B. To assemble together the members of this Corporation for fellowship one with another both in large public congregation and / or in small fellowship groups in houses and other places, to worship God in Spirit and in truth and to cooperate in the building up of the whole body of Christ;
- C. To provide basic New Testament discipleship to all who are approved for this purpose by the Elders:
- D. To involve every participant of this Corporation in its fellowship and activities and in the ministry of the Holy Spirit throughout the Body of Christ;
- E. To strengthen the family units so that the home life of each member is healthy and fruitful by Biblical standards;
- F. To perform the Sacraments of the Church which include, but are not limited to, the following: to baptize believers in water; to anoint the sick with oil; to conduct weddings and funerals; to dedicate infants; and to celebrate the Lord's Supper (communion);
- G. To act with charitable concern for all people in need of any help which this Church can give, regardless of race, social position, or religious affiliation; to develop and carry out programs of social action for poor, widowed, orphaned, afflicted, imprisoned, underprivileged, or aged persons, both within and without this Church;
- H. To pray for the needs of all people, for local and national leaders and governments and for all that are in authority as instructed in I Timothy 2:1-3;
- I. To support and encourage communication and extension of the Christian life and witness by sound and comprehensive preaching and teaching of Biblical principles to all people, both within this Church and elsewhere, not only by conventional modes, but also by all means which will accomplish such communication, extension, teaching and preaching. This should include media of communication developed by modern technology. These purposes should include to sponsor, participate in, conduct or engage in printing or reproduction and publication of recordings, materials and conduction of seminars, study groups, work shops, and meetings by either resident or traveling ministers; to receive offerings for such purposes; and to grant aid and pay reasonable compensation to persons, firms and corporations for services actually rendered for such purposes; provided, however, that none of the foregoing shall be done for private profit;
- J. To worship, study, provide recreation and social interaction ministering to the whole family and the whole person, spirit, soul, and body;
- K. To recognize, support and cooperate with the various ministries, i.e. churches, established by God to equip believers to fulfill their respective functions as member of the Body of Christ and to bring the whole Body of Christ to unity, maturity and completion;
- L. To license and ordain ministers; to assist in the establishment and maintenance of other churches, or other institutions, and to send forth and maintain ministers, missionaries or other workers for the establishment and up-building of such churches, or institutions, either domestic or foreign;

- M. To provide and maintain homes, places and buildings for housing of such students, lecturers, teachers and minister, as well as other related agents of the Church; to furnish to such students, lecturers, teachers, educators and ministers suitable meals and lodging;
- N. To acquire, either by deed, gift or purchase, any real estate or personal property to be held in trust for the benefit of the Corporation and its stated purposes;
- O. To mortgage, sell, gift or otherwise encumber any such property when such action is deemed to be in the best interests of the Church as defined in its stated purpose as a Christian organization;
- P. To operate a church organization exclusively for charitable, religious, 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 Revenue Law), including but not limited to, for such purposes, the establishing and maintaining of religious worship, the building, maintaining and operating of churches, parsonages, chapels, rescue missions, print shops or camps.
- Q. To ordain and license persons to the Gospel ministry; evangelize the unsaved by proclaiming of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; educate believers in a manner consistent with the requirements of Holy Scripture, in Christian education; and maintain missionary activities in the United States and any foreign country; and,
- R. To accomplish the foregoing purposes, the corporation shall have all autonomous corporate power permitted under Florida law. No part of income of the Church shall be distributed to the members or directors, provide that nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any director from serving the organization as an officer or in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore of the Corporation;

The real property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its, members, trustees, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that this corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Articles Two (2) hereof. Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose as determined by the Church Officers (Board of Directors) or local Court Jurisdiction.

Not withstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt form federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible in accordance to the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP** 

Membership shall be determined as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 4 - PERIOD OF DURATION

The Corporation shall have a perpetual existence

#### ARTICLE 5 - DIRECTORS

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors with the Pastor as president by virtue of his office. The Pastor, as President shall be a qualified and experienced minister of the Gospel adhering to the stated purposes of the church body and Holy Scriptures. The Treasurer and Secretary are designated in accordance with the Bylaws. These three officers shall be the directors of the corporation, along with such other officers and directors as shall be provided in the Bylaws, Power and authority to act for this corporation in all matters is vested in the Board of Directors also called the Church Council. Power and authority to constitute and convene the Board of Directors with the Trustees, or the Elders, or the Trustees and Elders together is vested in the Pastor. Directors shall be determined as provided in the Bylaws. At no time shall there be less than one officer.

#### ARTICLE 6 - OFFICERS

Officers shall be determined as provided in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE 7 – AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of this corporation may be amended, made, altered, or rescinded by a majority of the Board of Directors present and voting at any properly called meeting of the corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned all being Directors of the Corporation, certify that the above Restated Articles of Incorporation have been executed on January \_\_\_\_\_, 2011. We further certify that at a duly called and convened meeting of the Voting Members of the Corporation the above Restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted on January \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 and that votes cast for the adoption was sufficient for approval. These Articles of Incorporation replace all other Articles of Incorporation and shall supersede any and all present or past Articles of Incorporation and / or Bylaws.

Ben Richards – Treasurer

2492 Sierra Lane, Punta Gorda, FL

Robert Call - Secretary

127 Season Drive, Punta Gorda, FL

Dennis Postell Jr. – President / Registered Agent

1922 Mangoe Street, Punta Gorda, FL

#### **Articles of Amendment**

To

#### **Articles of Incorporation**

Of

#### Abundant Life Assembly of God of Punta Gorda, Florida, INC

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.1006 of the Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation adopts the following Articles of Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation.

FIRST: Article I shall be amended to change the name of the corporation to:

#### Abundant Life Ministries of Charlotte County, Florida, INC

**SECOND:** Articles of Incorporation shall be amended and restated as included in enclosed restated documents entitled; "RESTATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF ABUNDANT LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA INC."

THIRD: The date of adoption of said amendments was January 2, 2011

FOURTH: The amendment was adopted by the board of directors and members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.

Dated: January \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2011

Abundant Life Assembly

of God of Punta Gorda, Florida, Inc

Dennis Postell, Jr, President and Pastor

Ben Richards, Treasurer

Robert Call, Secretary

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I further agree to the responsibilities of registered agent as set forth in Florida Statutes.

Dennis Postell, Jr.

Registered Agent