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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION SECRETARY OF STATE TALL AHASSEE FLORIDA

# GRACE UNTIED METHODIST CHURCH TAMPA, INC. A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

EFFECTIVE DATE\_

The undersigned, acting as sole incorporator, adopts these Articles of Incorporation and forms a not for profit corporation (the "Corporation") under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act (the "Act") as follows:

#### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the Corporation is GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TAMPA, INC.

#### ARTICLE II TERM OF EXISTENCE AND DURATION

The date when corporate existence will commence is January 1, 2011. The Corporation will have perpetual existence thereafter.

### ARTICLE III <u>DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION</u>

In the event of dissolution, the Corporation shall, after payment of all liabilities, distribute any remaining assets to the religious organization known as the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church or such other religious organization which, at the time, qualifies both as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax law (the "Code").

### ARTICLE IV PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office and mailing address of the Corporation is 6800 East 21st Avenue, Tampa FL 33619.

### ARTICLE V PURPOSES

This Corporation is organized and shall be operated as a corporation not for profit, exclusively as a religious organization and a place of worship.

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#### ARTICLE VI LIMITATION ON ACTIVITIES

No part of the net earnings or income of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its directors, officers, trustees or to any private individual, but this Corporation shall be empowered and authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make distributions in furtherance of its exempt purposes. 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 be empowered to make the election authorized under Section 501(h) of the Code. The Corporation shall 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on (i) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or (ii) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code. The Corporation shall not engage in activities that do not further an exempt purpose.

This Corporation is empowered to exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon corporations not for profit, including, but without limitation thereon by the laws of Chapter 617 Florida Statutes and future amendments thereto, or succeeding statutes pertaining to corporations not for profit in the State of Florida, necessary or convenient to effect any and all of the religious purposes for which the corporation is organized.

### ARTICLE VII DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be empowered to direct the management of the business and affairs of this Corporation and to exercise all powers granted to this Corporation under these Articles, the Corporation's Bylaws and the laws of the State of Florida. The number of directors shall not be less than three (3), but the number may be increased or decreased from time to time in the manner provided by the bylaws, provided such number is never less than three (3). The term, voting rights, qualifications and procedures for election of Directors shall be set forth in this Corporation's Bylaws. The names and addresses of the initial directors of the Corporation, who will serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified, are: Address

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Thomas R. Wisher	1012 Guiles Road, Brandon FL 33511
Jackie Smith	3838 South 78th Street Tampa FL 33619
William H. Turner	3921 Whisper Grove Ct, Valrico FL 3359

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## ARTICLE VIII MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have no members.

### ARTICLE IX INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is 3107 North 77th Street, Tampa FL 33619 and the name of the initial registered agent of this Corporation at that address is Richard Wisher.

## ARTICLE X INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator signing these Articles are:

Name

Address

Cynthia M. Petitjean, Esq.

1306 Thonotosassa Road, Plant City, Florida 33563

ARTICLE XI BYLAWS

The Bylaws of this Corporation shall be adopted at the first meeting of the Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors, The Bylaws may be amended or repealed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum of the Directors at a meeting of the Board of Directors, or, by the written consent thereto by two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum of the Directors.

### ARTICLE XII INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation will indemnify any Director or officer, or any former Director or officer, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

### ARTICLE XIII REVENUE CODE SECTIONS

Any reference in these Articles to a section of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be interpreted to include reference to the corresponding provisions of any applicable future Internal Revenue Law of the United States.

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ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENT

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation

on this /2 day of December, 2010

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA

§48.091, GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pursuant to Fla. Stat. TAMPA, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby designates Richard Wisher, located at 3107 North 77th Street, Tampa FL 33619 as its registered agent to accept service of process within the State of Florida.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION

Having been named as registered agent, the undersigned hereby accepts the above designation as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-named corporation, at the place designated above, and agrees to comply with the provisions of Fla. Stat. §48.091(2) relative to maintaining an office for the service of process.

Richard Wisher

3107 North 77th Street

Richard Wisher

Tampa FL 33619