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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned, acting as Incorporator of a corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

- 1. NAME: The name of this Corporation is INDIAN ROCKS CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS, INC.
- 2. <u>INITIAL PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS</u>: The initial principal office and mailing address of this Corporation shall be:

12685 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774

- 3. **DURATION:** The period of this Corporation's duration shall be perpetual.
- 4. PURPOSES AND GENERAL POWERS:

This Corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States tax code). The primary purpose for which this Corporation is formed is to support the ministries of First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation organized exclusively for religious purposes ("the Church"), which, in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Bible, is primarily purposed to glorify God by fulfilling the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) through:

- A, Evangelism / Missions: "To share the good news of Jesus Christ with as many people as possible in our community and throughout the world." (Matthew 28:1820, Acts 1:8, 2 Peter 3:9).
- B. Education: "To help members develop toward full Christian maturity and train them for effective ministry. To promote personal, spiritual growth and discipleship through Bible teaching." (Ephesians 4:11-13, Manthew 18:20, Timothy 2:2)
- C. Worship: "To share the good news of Jesus Christ with as many people as possible in our community and throughout the world." (Matthew 28:1820, Acts 1:8, 2 Peter 3:9).
- D. Ministry / Service: "To serve unselfishly, in Jesus' name meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those in our Church, community and in the world." (1 Peter 4:10-11, Matthew 25:34-40, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Galatians 5:13)
- E. Fellowship: "To encourage, support and pray for each other as members of the family of God. To share our lives rogether." (I John 1:7, Acts 2:44-47, Hebrews 10:23-25, Romans 15:5,7, John 13:34-35)

This Corporation shall participate in no activity which shall not be directly in furtherance of said primary purpose.

More specific to the religious and charitable purposes of the Corporation, the Corporation seeks to:

- To lead the pupils into a personal, saving relationship with Christ as Lord and Savior.
- To teach the essentials of doctrines of the Christian faith.
- To develop a desire to know and to do the will of God.

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- To teach the students consistent daily Christian living and service.
- To develop a biblical sense of right and wrong.
- To foster self-discipline in the students, based on respect and reverence toward God and all authority.
- To help pupils develop a consistent Christian philosophy of life by integrating all subjects with the Bible.

More specific to the educational purposes of the Corporation, the Corporation seeks to:

- Promote high academic standards, to help each pupil gain a comprehensive command of the fundamental processes used in communicating with others (speaking, listening, writing and reading).
- To encourage the formation of good study habits.
- To teach the students how to use the scientific method in research and as a means of problem solving.
- To develop creative and critical thinking skills utilizing biblical principles for evaluation.
- To foster an appreciation of our Christian and American heritage of freedom and human diguity which leads to good citizenship.
- To impart knowledge of the world and current events relative to God's plan for men.

This Corporation shall operate as an integrated auxiliary of the Church and shall operate as an administrative office, the function of which is to assist the customary activities of the Church. To this end, (i) the Corporation shall adhere to all religious doctrines and practices maintained by the Church, and (ii) the Corporation shall provide, at least annually, a full financial report to the Church. Nevertheless, this Corporation shall maintain, for all purposes, a separate legal existence from the Church.

This Corporation shall have all of the powers enumerated in the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as amended, and all such other powers as are permitted by applicable law; provided, however, that the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by (i) a corporation exempt from Pederal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenus Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3)], as amended, or of corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code, (ii) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Sec. 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. Sec. 170(c)(2)], as amended, or of corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code.

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 not participate in, nor intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

5. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY: The Corporation shall admit students of any race, color, national origin, and etimic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. Further, the Corporation shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational and admission policies, nor in its scholarship, athletic and other school-administered programs.

- 6. <u>DIRECTORS</u>: This Corporation shall have no less than three (3) directors, or such other minimum number as may be otherwise required by law. Directors shall be required to be members of the Church. The specific number of directors, as well as the method by which the directors are to be elected, appointed and removed shall be stated in the Corporation's Bylaws.
- 7. INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The names and street addresses of the initial Directors of this Corporation are:

Jim Brangenberg

12685 Ulmerton Road

Largo FL 33774

Sondra Adkinson

12685 Ulmerton Road

Largo FL 33774

Sam Hammil

12685 Ulmerton Road

Largo FL 33774

- 8. MEMBERSHIP: The sole member of this Corporation shall be the Church.
- 9. <u>INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT</u>: The street address of this Corporation's initial registered office, and the name of its initial registered agent at that office shall be:

TIMOTHY A. FERGUSON 12685 Ulmerton Rd., Largo, FL 33774

10. <u>INCORPORATOR</u>: The name and street address of the initial Incorporator signing these Articles of Incorporation is:

TIMOTHY A. FERGUSON 12685 Ulmerton Rd., Largo, FL 33774

- 11. <u>BYLAWS</u>: Except as otherwise provided by law, the power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the ByLaws of this Corporation shall be vested in the Directors.
- 12. <u>INDEMNIFICATION</u>: The Corporation shall indemnify any officer, director, employee and/or agent (present or former), from and against all liabilities and obligations, including attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with any actions taken or failed to be taken by said officer, director, employee and/or agents, in his/her capacity as such, to the full extent permitted by law.
- 13. <u>AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES</u>: Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may only be adopted in accordance with the following procedures:
- A. The Board of Directors of the Corporation must adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the Church, which may be either an annual business meeting, a regular business meeting, or a special business meeting.
- B. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment and/or a summary of the changes to be effected by the proposed amendment shall be published at least twice in the weekly Church Bulletin, currently referred to as the "Heartbeat", the first such publication being no less than eight (8) days prior to said meeting. Substantial compliance with this provision of these Articles shall be sufficient to validate any action taken pursuant hereto.

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- C. A reminder shall appear in the Church Bulletin for the Sunday(s) preceding the business meeting (and the Sunday of said business meeting, if applicable) and attention shall be drawn to such reminder at all services on that (those) day(s).
- D. At the business meeting at which the amendment is to be considered, a majority vote of the active members present shall be required for adoption of the amendment, said members being present at such meeting or represented by proxy. There shall be no minimum quorum requirements.

14. <u>EARNINGS: DISSOLUTION ACTIVITIES:</u>

All net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, and be distributed in accordance with the purposes of the Corporation as set forth in Section 4 of these Articles. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit or, or be distributable to non-exempt members, or to trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the 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 Section 4 hereof. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3)], as amended, or of corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code, (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Sec. 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. Sec. 170(c)(2)], as amended, or of corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code.

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors, shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of this Corporation to the Church, provided that the Church shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3)], as amended, or of corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law. In the event the Church is not active at the time of the dissolution of this Corporation, the Board of Directors shall dispose of all assets of this Corporation to another church or churches, the primary purpose(s) of which is/are substantially similar to the Church and which shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3)], as amended, or of corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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

TIMOTHY A. FERGUSON

Incorporator

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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were sworn to and subscribed before me this 35 day of 20 12 by TIMOTHY A. FERGUSON, who is personally known to me or has produced (type of identification) as identification, and who did take an oath.

MARY LOU JOHNOUN Notary's name - type or print

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ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT

HAVING BEEN NAMED as Registered Agent for INDIAN ROCKS CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS, INC. at the registered office designated in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, the undersigned accepts the designation of Registered Agent. The undersigned hereby further states that it is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of that position.

Executed this 25 day of ______, 20 12

TIMOTHY A. FERGUSON

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing Acceptance of Appointment as Registered Agent was sworn to and subscribed before me this day of January 20 (2 by TIMOTHY A. FERGUSON, who is personally known to me or has (type of identification) as identification, and who did take an oath. produced

Notary Public - signature

MARY LOW JOHN SON

Notary's name - type or print

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