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SUBJECT: Exponential Church, Incorporated
(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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☒ \$78.75
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☐ \$78.75
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☐ \$87.50
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Christian Gaffney
Name (Printed or typed)

116 NW Pleasant Grove Way
Address

Port St. Lucie, FL 34986
City, State & Zip

703-678-8572
Phone number

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

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Corporations

May 31, 2012

CHRISTIAN GAFFNEY
116 NW PLEASANT GROVE WAY
PORT ST LUCIE, FL 34986

SUBJECT: EXPONENTIAL CHURCH INCORPORATED
Ref. Number: W12000029881

We have received your document for EXPONENTIAL CHURCH INCORPORATED and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Bylaws are not filed with this office. Please retain them for your records.

The purpose contained in your articles of incorporation should be more specific. Please correct your articles to reflect the specific purpose for which the non profit corporation is being organized.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

Tim Burch
Regulatory Specialist II
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:
Exponential Church Incorporated.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Principal street and mailing address:
116 NW Pleasant Grove Way
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose and limitations for which the corporation is organized is:

Purposes: The Corporation is organized and will be operated exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. More particularly, the purposes of this Corporation are:

A. To introduce people to Jesus Christ through effective means of sharing the Gospel of Christ so that those who receive the Gospel in faith may likewise introduce others to Jesus Christ.

B. To effectuate the worship of God from its attendees including the practice of Christian virtues as directed by the Holy Spirit.

C. To ordain, license, employ and discharge ordained and licensed ministers of the Gospel, and others, to conduct and carry on divine services at the place of worship of the Corporation and elsewhere, and to collect and disburse any and all necessary funds for the maintenance of said Corporation and the accomplishment of its purpose within the State of Florida and elsewhere.

D. To handle affairs pertaining to property and other temporal matters as required by the civil authorities.

E. To make distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended.

F. To educate the body of Christ through any and all educational means deemed appropriate.

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G. To promote, encourage, and foster any other similar religious, charitable and educational activities; to accept, hold, invest, reinvest and administer any gifts, legacies, bequests, devises, funds and property of any sort or nature, and to use, expend, or donate the income or principal thereof for, and to devote the same to, the foregoing purposes of the Corporation; and to do any and all lawful acts and things which may be necessary, useful, suitable, or proper for the furtherance of accomplishment of the purposes of this Corporation. Provided, however, no act may be performed which would violate Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it now exists or as it may hereafter be amended.

Limitations: In order to carry out the above-stated purposes, the Corporation will have all those powers set forth in the Act, as it now exists or as it may hereafter be amended. The powers of the Corporation to promote the purposes set out above are limited and restricted in the following manner:

A. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation will inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its incorporators, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation will be authorized and empowered to make payments and distributions (including reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the Corporation or reimbursement of expenditures) in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in these Articles. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation will be the carrying on of Propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation will not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (i) a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, or (ii) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, in the event this Corporation is in any one year a "private foundation" as defined by Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding

provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, it will be required to distribute its income for such taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject the foundation to taxation under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; and further will be prohibited from: (i) any act of "self dealing" as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; (ii) retaining any "excess building holdings" as defined by Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions any subsequent federal tax laws; (iii) making any investments in such manner as to subject the foundation to taxation under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions any subsequent federal tax laws; or (iv) making a taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

C. The Corporation will not accept any gift or grant if the gift or grant contains conditions which would restrict or violate any of the Corporation's religious, charitable or educational purposes, or if the gift or grant would require serving a private as opposed to a public interest.

D. Upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, the Pastoral Cabinet of the Corporation will, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all Corporation assets to any organization designated by the Pastoral Cabinet of the Corporation which is of like faith and order and is exempt from taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) (or the corresponding provision of any future tax law of the United States).

ARTICLE IV **MANNER OF ELECTION**

The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed:

The Lead Pastor will nominate persons whom he deems qualified to serve on the Pastoral Cabinet. In addition, the Lead Pastor may appoint a Nomination Advisory Team to report to the Lead Pastor regarding suitable nominees. The persons nominated by the Lead Pastor will be presented to the Pastoral Cabinet for election. Members will be natural persons, but need not be residents of Florida.

ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

Name and Title: Rev. Christian M. Gaffney, Lead Pastor Address: 116 NW Pleasant Grove Way Port St. Lucie, FL 34986	Name and Title: Robert H. Martin, Secretary and Treasurer Address: 618 NW Stanford Ln. Port St. Lucie, FL 34983
Name and Title: Rev. Daniel K. Holland, Member of Pastoral Cabinet Address: 777 SE Salerno Road Stuart, FL 34997	Name and Title: Rev. Scott Maurer, Member of Pastoral Cabinet Address: 714 17 th Avenue S. Brookings, SD 57006
Name and Title: Rev. David R. Stokes, Member of Pastoral Cabinet Address: 4601 W. Ox Road Fairfax, VA 22030	

ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT

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


Name: Rev. Christian M. Gaffney
Address: 116 NW Pleasant Grove Way
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

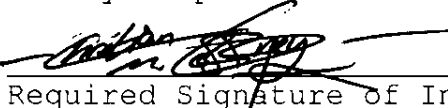
Name: Rev. Christian M. Gaffney
Address: 116 NW Pleasant Grove Way
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

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


Required Signature of Registered Agent

6/8/12
Date

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.


Required Signature of Incorporator

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Date

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