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#### COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: New Bethel Free Will Baptist 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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omiller38@Yahoo.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 INCORORATION OF NEW BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. A Florida "Not for Profit" Corporation

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

In compliance with the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned do hereby voluntarily associate for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for-profit for the purposes and with powers set forth herein.

#### ARTICLE I - NAME AND PRINCIPLE OFFICE

The name of the corporation is New Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Inc. The principal office of the corporation shall be located at, 13453 NE 25<sup>th</sup> Place, Raiford, Union, Florida 32083, but the Corporation may maintain offices and transact business in such places, within or without the State of Florida, as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors. The principal office shall also be the mailing and registered office address.

#### ARTICLE II - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The period of duration is perpetual. The corporation is organized pursuant to the Not for Profit Corporation laws of the State of Florida. The date on which corporate existence shall begin is the date on which these Articles of Incorporation are filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE III – MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed shall be in accordance with By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE AND POWERS**

The purpose of this corporation shall be exclusively for Religious purposes and is formed pursuant to section 501 (c) (3) of the internal Revenue Code of 1986 and shall operate in such manner as will qualify it as a tax exempt organization thereafter.

A. To undertake any other projects of lawful activities consistent with Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such

as corporations, firms, association, trust, institution, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.

- B. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal and state income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- C. For such purposes, the Corporation shall have and exercise the following authority and powers:
- 1. To have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under the law of the State of Florida may now or hereafter have or exercise.
- 2. To do all things necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes of the Corporation as the Directors of the Corporation may from time to time deem appropriate which are consistent with powers conferred upon a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida and the Internal Revenue Code.
- 3. To purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property or any interest therein, wherever situated.

#### ARTICLE V - NO DISTRIBUTION OF GAIN

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the Directors, Officers, or Members thereof, or to any individual, except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the Corporation's charitable and educational purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.

#### **ARTICLE VI - REGISTERED AGENT**

The <u>name and Florida street address</u> of the registered agent is:
Otis Miller
23145 N. E. 131<sup>st</sup> Way
Raiford, Florida 32083

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#### ARTICLE VII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors of the Corporation shall be not less than three (3); provided however that the Board of Directors may, from to time, increase or decrease the number of Directors, so long as the number of directors does not exceed (5); five. The method of election of the Board of Directors shall be stated in the by-laws. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors are:

Henderson Hudson 22537 N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lawtey, FL 32058 Otis Miller 23145 N. E. 131<sup>st</sup> Way, Raiford, Florida 32083 Solomon Herring P. O. Box 4, Raiford, Florida 32083

#### **ARTICLE VIII - INITIAL OFFICERS**

Subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, the officers shall administer the affairs of this corporation as designated in the by-laws. The names and addresses of the officers who shall serve until the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors are:

President - Henderson Hudson, 22537 N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lawtey, FL 32058

Secretary - Otis Miller 23145 N. E. 131st Way, Raiford, Florida 32083

Treasurer - Solomon Herring P. O. Box 4, Raiford, Florida 32083

Such other officers may be authorized and elected pursuant to the Corporation By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE IX - BYLAWS

The by-laws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the first Board of Directors, which by-laws may be altered, amended, modified or appealed in the manner set forth in the by-laws.

#### **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any of the provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendments hereto. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or summary of the changes to be effected by the amendment must be given to each director in the same manner as notice for the meeting. Such amendment shall require the assent of a two-thirds majority vote of the directors present.

#### ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION

The Corporation may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Directors. Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to be used exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. If the Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

#### ARTICLE XII - INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

A director shall discharge his or her duties as director, including his or her duties as a member of any committee:

- A. With good faith;
- B. With care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances; and
- C. In a manner he reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the Corporation

In discharging his or her duties, a director may rely upon information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, if prepared or presented by:

- A. One or more officers or employees of the Corporation whom the director reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented;
- B. Legal counsel, public accountants or other persons as to matters the director reasonably believes are within the person's professional or expert competence;
- C. A committee of the Board of Directors of which he is not a member, if the Director reasonably believes the committee merits confidence.

A director is not liable for any action taken as a director, or failure to take any action, if he performed the duties of his office in reliance on this provision.

Any person (and the heirs, executors and administrators of such person) made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit of proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursements, incurred by him (or by his heirs, executors or administrators) in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appearance therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director or Officer is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director or Officer (or such heirs, executors of administrators) may be entitled apart from this Article.

#### ARTICLE XIII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is: Henderson Hudson PO Box 203, Lawtey, FL 32058

day of December, 2011.
October 2012

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.

Date: 10-4-12

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF DEVAL

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Henderson Hudson, who is personally known to me or who has produced +325-326-19-328-0 as identification and who did not take an oath.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this

day of Bearing 2011. October, 2012

My Commission Expires March 14, 2014

### CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICLE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA

#### NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In compliance with Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church, Inc., 13453 NE 25<sup>th</sup> Place, Raiford, Union, Florida 32083

Desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business in the City of Raiford, County of Union, State of Florida, has named as its Agent to accept service of process within Florida:

Reverend Otis Miller 23145 N. E. 131<sup>st</sup> Way Raiford, FL 32083

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.

Signature:

otis Miller, Registered Agent

Date: //

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