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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of
JOINING HANDS MISSION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.**

**ARTICLE I
Name and Address**

The name of this not-for-profit corporation shall be JOINING HANDS MISSION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.

**ARTICLE II
Term**

The term for which this corporation shall exist shall be perpetual, unless it shall be dissolved according to the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE III
Principal Office**

The principal office of the corporation is located at 3214 U.S. Highway 19, Holiday, FL 34691.

**ARTICLE IV
Purposes**

The corporation shall be organized as a not-for-profit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, incorporated on a non-stock basis. It is organized as a local United Methodist mission exclusively for religious purposes in support of and subject to doctrine of The United Methodist Church. The corporation is formed 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 State Internal Revenue law.

Specifically, the object, general nature and purpose of this corporation shall be to establish and maintain in and about the city of Holiday, Florida a mission of The United Methodist Church, subject to The Discipline of The United Methodist Church as adopted, declared, and approved by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, as hereafter amended from time to time (the

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"Discipline"). The corporation shall support the doctrine of The United Methodist Church as set forth in the Discipline, and all of its property, both real and personal, shall be subject to the laws, usages, and ministerial appointments of The United Methodist Church and the Discipline, and any property, both real and personal, currently held and acquired in the future, shall be subject to the "Trust Provisions" as found in the Discipline. In furtherance of these purposes, the corporation may:

A. Contract with other organizations, for profit and not-for-profit, with individuals, and with government agencies.

B. Own, lease, or otherwise deal with all property, real or personal, to be used in furtherance of these purposes.

C. Engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act.

D. Solicit and receive contributions, grants, gifts, devises and transfers of real and personal property, either outright or in trust, from whatever sources and whether unrestricted or for designated purposes, which contributions will be used to carry out the purposes referred to in Article IV herein.

ARTICLE V Powers

This corporation shall have all of the corporate powers enumerated as it may be provided from time to time and set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes provided, however, that none of the powers granted to this corporation shall be used in any manner whatsoever in contravention of the purpose or purposes for which the corporation has been formed as set forth in Article IV. The activities of the corporation shall in all respects be conducted in conformity with the Discipline.

ARTICLE VI Prohibited Acts

This corporation shall operate exclusively for charitable, religious or educational purposes within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, in the course of which operation:

A. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or

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and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

B. 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 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.

C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under §170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE VII Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the corporation, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, any assets of the corporation remaining, after payment of corporate debts, shall be distributed to and among the participating organizations as provided in the Discipline, to the end that such distribution shall be made in a manner which qualifies for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) and Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, for a public purpose, and none of the assets shall be distributed to any member, officer or director of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII Original Subscribers/Incorporator

The names and addresses of the original subscriber of these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

Mary Ashcraft
815 11th St North
St. Petersburg, FL 33705

Maria Brandes
8025 Sycamore Dr
New Port Richey, FL 34654

H. Michael Dougherty (Incorporator)
2143 Overview Dr
New Port Richey, FL 34655

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ARTICLE IX
Members

The doctrinal basis, manner of admission, and qualification for membership shall conform to the requirements of the Discipline and to the rulings of the Bishops of said Church. All members of the charge conference of the mission being incorporated hereby, who are in good and regular standing, are members of this corporation.

ARTICLE X
Board of Trustees (Directors) and Officers

The management of the affairs of this corporation is vested in its Board of Directors, to be called Board of Trustees, which shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) members. All members of the Board shall be elected or appointed in the manner and for the terms prescribed in the Discipline and in the Bylaws of the corporation, and shall hold office until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided in the Bylaws. The officers shall be members of the Board of trustees, and shall be elected by the Board of Trustees in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

The names and addresses of the initial Board of Trustees are:

Mary Ashcraft
815 11th St North
St. Petersburg, FL 33705

H. Michael Dougherty
2143 Overview Dr
New Port Richey, FL 34655

Maria Brandes
8025 Sycamore Dr
New Port Richey, FL 34654

ARTICLE XI
Bylaws

The Bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees and may be amended and changed from time to time by the Board of Trustees in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws. The Bylaws shall incorporate reference to and shall be deemed to include applicable portions of the Discipline. No Bylaw provision shall be adopted which is inconsistent with the provisions of

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ARTICLE XII
Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

Provided that no amendment is inconsistent with or contrary to the Discipline, these Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the majority vote of the Board of Trustees of this corporation, present and voting, at any meeting of the Board of Trustees called for that purpose provided that such meeting shall be held after first giving thirty (30) days written notice mailed to each member of the Board of Trustees at his or her last known address. Prior written notice may be waived by the members of the Board of Trustees provided the waiver of notice be in writing.

ARTICLE XIII
Registered Agent

The name of the initial registered agent of this corporation is Stephen O. Cole, Esquire, 625 Court Street, Suite 200, Clearwater, FL 33756.

ARTICLE XIV
Indemnification

The corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 9 day of April, 2014.

In the Presence of:

Laurie G. Vachon
Van R. Wallace

JOINING HANDS MISSION UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH, INC.

Henry Michael Doughton (SEAL)

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Hillsborough

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this day personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, Harry Michael Dougherty, to me personally known or who has produced Florida Driver License as identification and who did take an oath, and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and ☒ acknowledged before me that executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Tampa, said County and State, this 9 day of April, 2014.



Jill M Richter
Notary Public
Print Name Jill m. Richter
My Commission Expires: 4/4/17

ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS REGISTERED AGENT

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for JOINING HANDS MISSION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC. at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept and agree to act in said capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of the Florida Corporation Act relative to keeping open said office.

Stephen O. Cole
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