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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
CONNECT CHURCH OF LAKE CITY, INC.,**

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

**ARTICLE I
CORPORATE NAME**

The name of the corporation is:
CONNECT CHURCH OF LAKE CITY, INC.,

**ARTICLE II
CORPORATE ADDRESS**

The principle place of business and street address of the Corporation is:
14325 NW 144TH Place
Alachua, Florida 32615

**ARTICLE III
DURATION**

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE IV
GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES**

Section I – General Purpose

CONNECT CHURCH OF LAKE CITY, INC., is a Christian organization who ministers to all persons helping them worship God, have fellowship, food, shelter, pre-school and adult education and instruction in the love of Jesus Christ. We will also provide teaching material for pastors, churches, fellowship groups and

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conduct seminars to help strengthen the Body of Jesus Christ here and around the world.

Said corporation will govern itself and conduct its own affairs according to the New Testament Scriptures. This right shall include such matters as the hiring of the pastor and employees, election of the Board of Directors and officers, the acceptance and discipline of its members, the conduct of its own services, performance of weddings, if it chooses to do so, and usage of church facilities, church program and all business matters.

Said corporation will establish and maintain a place of worship of Almighty God, our heavenly father, to provide Christian fellowship for those of like precious faith, where the Holy Spirit may be honored according to our distinctive testimony.

Section II – Internal Revenue Service

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, 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 Article IV hereof.

No 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.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on

- (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or
- (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

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ARTICLE V AFFILIATION

While maintaining its inherent rights to sovereignty in the conduct of its own affairs as herein set forth, this assembly shall voluntarily enter into full fellowship with assemblies of like faith, associated in the The Peninsular Florida District Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc., with headquarters in Lakeland, Florida and the General Council of the Assemblies of God, with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri; and shall share in the privileges and assume the responsibilities enjoined by that affiliation. Officers of the District Council and the General Council shall be recognized and respected by the pastor and members of this assembly. The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. The Statement of Fundamental Truths of the General Council of the Assemblies of God is intended as a basis of this fellowship.

ARTICLE VI PASTORAL CARE AND LEADERSHIP

The Church shall have the privilege to consider for pastor any minister in good standing with both the General Council of the Assemblies of God and the The Peninsular Florida District Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc., holding a current Fellowship card. The Pastor shall be the spiritual leader of the church.

ARTICLE VII MEMBERS

Membership in the church shall be available to those persons who qualify according to the Holy Scripture, Constitution and the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII CORPORATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The board of directors and officers of the corporation shall be members in good standing and be persons of mature Christian experience and knowledge, who shall meet the requirements of Acts 6, 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. The manner in which the directors and officers are elected or appointed shall be set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws.

The Directors named herein as the first Board of Directors shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified. The names and addresses of the first members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

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Rev. Raymond Keen
14325 NW 144TH Place
Alachua, Florida 32615

Christopher Parker
7595 NW Lake Jeffery RD
Lake City, FL 32055

Toni Keen
14325 NW 144TH Place
Alachua, Florida 32615

The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers: President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the Constitution and Bylaws of the corporation may authorize the directors to elect from time to time.

The names and addresses of the initial Officers are as follows:

President:

Rev. Raymond Keen
14325 NW 144TH Place
Alachua, Florida 32615

Secretary:

Toni Keen
14325 NW 144TH Place
Alachua, Florida 32615

Treasurer:

Christopher Parker
7595 NW Lake Jeffery RD
Lake City, FL 32055

**ARTICLE IX
DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, all properties, real and chattel, shall revert to the ownership of The Peninsular Florida District Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc., located in Lakeland, Florida. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively

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for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**ARTICLE X
REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The corporation's registered agent and office is:

Rev. Raymond Keen
14325 NW 144th Place
Alachua, Florida 32615

**ARTICLE XI
INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator of the corporation:

Rev. Raymond Keen
14325 NW 144th Place
Alachua, Florida 32615

ARTICLE XII: INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify any Director, Officer, or former Director and Officer, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him/her (legal fees or otherwise) or any amount paid in satisfaction of judgments in connection with any suit or proceeding, whether civil or criminal in nature, in which he/she is made a party by reason of being or having been such Director or Officer.

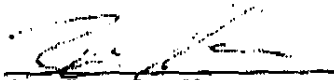
ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENT

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in the Articles of Incorporation, or any amendments hereto, and to enact a Constitution and By-Laws, in manner now or hereafter prescribed by law and all rights conferred on Directors and Officers herein are granted subject to this reservation.

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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:


Rev. Raymond Keen
14325 NW 144TH Place
Alachua, Florida 32615

REGISTERED AGENT

Date: JUL 29th, 2014.

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:


Incorporator

Rev. Raymond Keen
14325 NW 144TH Place
Alachua, Florida 32615

DATE: JUL 29th, 2014.

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