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**FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION  
THE DWELLING HOUSE, INC.**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF**

**THE DWELLING HOUSE, INC.,**

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Non-Profit)

**ARTICLE I  
CORPORATE NAME**

The name of the corporation is:

**THE DWELLING HOUSE, INC.,**

**ARTICLE II  
CORPORATE ADDRESS**

The principle place of business and street address of the Corporation is:

1715 Compton Street  
Brandon, FL 33511

**ARTICLE III  
DURATION**

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE IV  
GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES**

**Section I – General Purpose**

THE DWELLING HOUSE, INC., is an Independent Non-Denominational fellowship of believers committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We are multi-cultural/multi-racial church with an international vision; called to be servants, developed as Sons and mature as Saints. Further, we are 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

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love of Jesus Christ. We will also provide teaching material for pastors, churches, fellowship groups and 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 and funerals, if it chooses to do so, usage of church facilities, church program(s) 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.

**ARTICLE V  
AFFILIATION**

While maintaining its inherent rights to sovereignty in the conduct of its own affairs as herein set forth, this ministry may voluntarily enter into full fellowship with others of like faith. The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice.

**ARTICLE VI  
PASTORAL CARE AND LEADERSHIP**

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:

Rev. Levester Jones, Jr.  
1715 Compton Street  
Brandon, FL 33511

LaShawn Jones  
1715 Compton Street  
Brandon, FL 33511

Mazhap Ferguson  
11506 Norval Place  
Temple Terrace, FL 33617

Dionne Ferguson  
11506 Norval Place  
Temple Terrace, FL 33617

Denise Anderson  
11506 Norval Place  
Temple Terrace, FL 33617

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. Levester Jones, Jr.  
1715 Compton Street  
Brandon, FL 33511

**Secretary:**  
LaShawn Jones  
1715 Compton Street  
Brandon, FL 33511

**Treasurer:**  
Denise Anderson  
11506 Norval Place  
Temple Terrace, FL 33617

#### **ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization 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 purpose.

**ARTICLE X  
REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The corporation's registered agent and office is:

Rev. Levester Jones, Jr.  
1715 Compton Street  
Brandon, FL 33511

**ARTICLE XI  
INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator of the corporation.

Rev. Levester Jones, Jr.  
1715 Compton Street  
Brandon, FL 33511

**ARTICLE XII: INDEMNIFICATION**

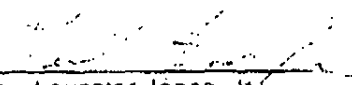
The Corporation shall indemnify any Director, Officer, or former Director and Officer, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him/her (legal fees or otherwise) or any amount paid in satisfaction of judgments in connection with any suit or proceeding, whether civil or criminal in nature, 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.

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.

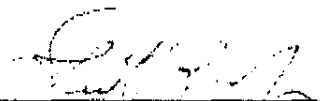
**Required Signature of Registered Agent:**

  
Rev. Levester Jones, Jr.  
1715 Compton Street  
Brandon, FL 33511  
Registered Agent

Date: 7/30/ 2015.

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:**

  
Rev. Levester Jones, Jr.  
1715 Compton Street  
Brandon, FL 33511  
Incorporator

DATE: 7/30/ 2015.

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