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February 15, 2016

REV. R. STEPHEN ANDREWS  
2840 2ND AVE N  
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SUBJECT: CONNECTION CHURCH TAMPA BAY, INC.  
Ref. Number: W16000011265

We have received your document for CONNECTION CHURCH TAMPA BAY, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

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Tyrone Scott  
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## COVER LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** Connection Church Tampa Bay, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00  
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** Rev. R. Stephen Andrews  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)

2840 2nd Ave. N.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

St. Petersburg, FL 33713  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

813-469-8347  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone number

rsandrews1@me.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

# Connection Church Tampa Bay Inc.

*Articles of Incorporation*

## **ARTICLE I**

### **NAME**

The official name of this organization shall be: **Connection Church Tampa Bay, Inc.** herein referred to as the corporation or the Church.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The principal place of business of the corporation shall be 3040 Cypress St. Suite 103 Tampa, FL 33609. The mailing address for the corporation shall be 2840 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N. St. Petersburg, Florida 33713.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **PURPOSE**

The general nature and object of the corporation is a religious or church association under the said name to carry on religious services of said church(s), to do the work of a charitable organization for humanitarian issues, to receive new members of the church and generally do all things incident or appropriate to be done by the church organization, and among other activities in the promotion of the religion and mission of said church to carry on each and all of the following activities:

- a. To teach and promulgate the Holy Bible and Christian Education and in connection therewith to maintain Sunday school, gender and age specific education, advance Bible education and service.
- b. To ordain ministers and Christian workers to any and all orders as may be deemed expedient or necessary.
- c. To promote fellowship, cooperation, protection, recognition and propagation of the All Inclusive Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- d. To receive and accept donations of real and personal property and money for the use of the church in carrying on its religious and charitable programs.
- e. To take as beneficiary under all kinds of insurance policies and wills.
- f. To receive and receipt for endowments of real and personal property.
- g. To establish churches, auxiliaries, clubs, societies of a religious nature, social and charitable associations incident to said church programs and mission, locally, nationally and internationally.
- h. To establish humanitarian organizations for assistance to those in need of care. This assistance may include educational, medical, emotional, financial, or any other means allowable by law.
- i. To do any and all things reasonable and necessary to carry out the above and foregoing purposes.
- j. To purchase, lease, hold, sell, mortgage or otherwise acquire or dispose of real or personal property.
- k. To enter into, make, perform, or carry out contracts of every kind with any person, firm, corporation or association.
- l. To do any acts necessary or expedient for carrying on any and all the activities and pursuing any and all of the objects and purposes set forth in this certificate of incorporation, and not forbidden by laws of the State of Florida.

- l. To enter into, make, perform, or carry out contracts of every kind with any person, firm, corporation or association.
- m. To do any acts necessary or expedient for carrying on any and all the activities and pursuing any and all of the objects and purposes set forth in this certificate of incorporation, and not forbidden by laws of the State of Florida.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **MANAGING OFFICERS AND ELECTION THEREOF**

#### **SECTION 1**

##### **PASTORAL OVERSIGHT**

Whereas the Church is a theocracy, with a combined Episcopal and Congregational government, rather than an absolute democracy, the Pastor shall have the oversight of the church and shall serve as the chairperson of the corporation. The Pastor shall work in conjunction with the Executive Board for the best interest of the church. The Pastor shall also serve as a trustee, as well as other roles and responsibility fully described in the constitution and by-laws of the Church. Further, the founding Pastor, shall remain in position until said Pastor and membership jointly agree to change, as prescribed in the constitution and by-laws of the Church.

#### **SECTION 2**

##### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The affairs of the Church/Corporation shall be managed by the following officers: a Pastor/Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. This shall be known as the Executive Board. Each of said officers, other than the Pastor/Chairperson, shall be appointed by the Pastor/Chairperson according to the by-laws regarding the election of church officials.

#### **SECTION 3**

##### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A Board of Trustees, appointed by the Pastor/Chairperson and numbering no less than three, shall exercise their duties as described in the constitution and by-laws of the Church. Each trustee will be appointed by the Pastor/Chairperson according to the by-laws regarding the election of church officials.

#### **SECTION 4**

##### **CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS**

The conduct of the affairs of the Church/corporation shall be vested in the Executive Board and the Board of Trustees of this corporation, except as the by-laws of the Church/corporation shall require action by the entire membership

## ARTICLE V

### INITIAL OFFICERS

The names and addresses of the initial officers of this corporation are:

Rev. R. Stephen Andrews, Pastor *President*  
2840 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. North  
Saint Petersburg, Florida 33713

Stephany D. Andrews, Secretary  
2840 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N  
St. Petersburg, FL 33713

Rev. Raynivee Fliggins, Vice *President*  
5467 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. East #204  
Bradenton, FL 34208

Allen D. Lyle, Treasure  
4704 Kilkenny Drive  
Tampa FL 33610

## ARTICLE VI

### REGISTERED/RESIDENT AGENT

The resident agent of this corporation shall be:

Rev. R. Stephen Andrews  
2840 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N.  
Saint Petersburg, Florida 33713

## ARTICLE VII

### INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the subscribers of these Articles of Incorporation are hereinafter set forth:

Rev. R. Stephen Andrews  
2840 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N.  
St. Petersburg, FL 33713

Allen D. Lyle  
4704 Kilkenny Dr.  
Tampa, FL 33610

Rayenviene Fliggins  
5467 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. East #204  
Bradenton, FL 34208

Stephany D. Andrews  
2840 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N.  
St. Petersburg, FL 33713

## ARTICLE VIII

### EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved by law.

## IX

### QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

The qualifications of members and manner of admission of said members of said Church shall be in accordance with the by-laws of the Church.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **BY-LAWS**

The by-laws of this corporation are to be made, altered or rescinded by the Executive Board and ratified by the members of the Church in any business meeting, by a three-quarter (3/4) majority vote of the active members present. All business meetings shall be called for by the Pastor/Chairman. Notice of meeting must be announced in according with the constitution and by-laws of the church/corporation.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at a special meeting of the membership upon notice given, as provided for by the by-laws when presented with a resolution of the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **TRUSTEE'S COMPENSATION**

The Trustees shall be allowed a reasonable compensation and all necessary expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees, accounting fees, and management and employee salaries and expenses incurred by the Trustee in the management of this corporation. Any Trustee who is also a Certified Public Accountant, an Attorney or Certified Property Manager may receive extra additional compensation for professional services rendered. All these expenses shall be unanimously approved by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **PURPOSE FOR CHARITABLE INTENT**

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific 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 of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall be to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, Trustees, Officers or other private persons, except that the corporations shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payment and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth herein. 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 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 a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue law) or (b) by a Corporation wherein contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Upon the dissolution of the corporation , the Board of Trustees shall after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the



purpose of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 509c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law), as the Executive Board and the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation 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 purposes.

If necessary this corporation shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Laws.

The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in sections 4941 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Laws.

The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal Tax Laws.

The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal Tax Laws.

The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditure as defined in section 4943 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal Tax Laws.

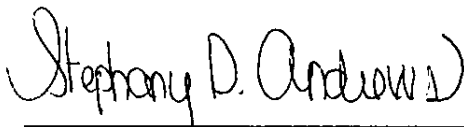
## **ARTICLE XIV**

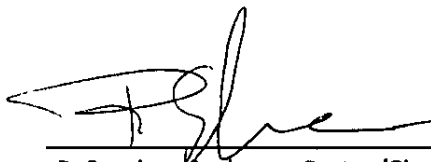
The conduct of the affairs of the Church/corporation shall be vested in the Executive Board and the Board of Trustees of this corporation, except as the by-laws of the Church/corporation shall require action by the entire membership.

*I* N WITNESS WHEREOF, one of the incorporators have hereunto set his hand and seal, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016. I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for the above corporation by signing this document below.


  
R. Stephen Andrews, Registered Agent

*I* N WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned incorporators, have made and herby subscribed to this Certificate of Incorporation, and have and do hereby acknowledge this Certificate respectively for the uses and purposes aforesaid on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2016.

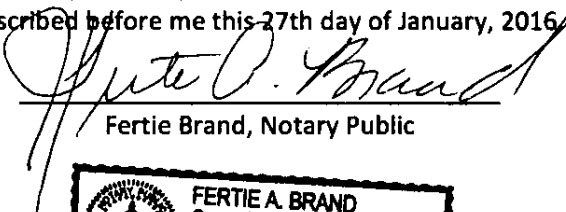
  
Stephany D. Andrews/Secretary

  
R. Stephen Andrews, Pastor/Chairperson

  
Raynivee Fligghs, Vice Chairperson

  
Allen D. Lyle, Treasurer

These personally known to me and sworn and  
subscribed before me this 27th day of January, 2016

  
Fertie Brand, Notary Public

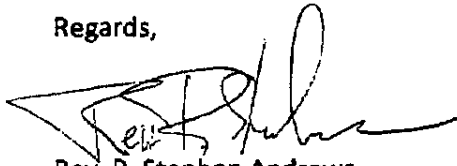


February 16, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

The directors for CONNECTION CHURCH TAMPA BAY INC. are appointed.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rev. R. Stephen Andrews', written over a faint, stylized graphic element.

Rev. R. Stephen Andrews

813-469-8347

rsandrews1@me.com

**February 16, 2016**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

**The title of Rev. R. Stephen Andrews is Pastor/President**

**The title of Rev. Raye Fliggins is Vice President**

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Stephen Andrews', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Rev. R. Stephen Andrews**

**813-469-8347**

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