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#### VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

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

RE: Articles of Incorporation for THE GROVE CHURCH OF PSL, INC.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing are the duly executed Articles of Incorporation for The Grove Church of PSL, Inc., a Florida Not for Profit Corporation.

Also enclosed is this firm's Check No. 2764 in the amount of \$78.75 which reflects the Filing Fee, Registered Agent Designation and certified copy fee. In addition, we have enclosed a stamped self-addressed envelope for return of the certified copy.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

David N. Sowerby, Esq.

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

#### THE GROVE CHURCH OF PSL, INC.

In compliance with the requirements of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act (F.S. Chapter 617), the undersigned hereby acts as incorporator in adopting and filing the following Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of organizing a not for profit corporation.

# ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation is THE GROVE CHURCH OF PSL, INC.

#### ARTICLE II (PRINCIPAL OFFICE)

The principal street address and mailing address of the Corporation is:

655 NE Moss Rose Place Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

# ARTICLE III (PURPOSE)

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, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Subject to the foregoing, the specific purposes and objectives of the Corporation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Serving as a local church congregation that follows and proclaims the common tenets of Reformed Christian theology adopted by the Church;
- (b) Providing Christian worship, teaching, fellowship, support, nurture, accountability and guidance for congregational members and other individuals;
- (c) Undertaking or supporting various religious, charitable, humanitarian, and educational projects, such as evangelism, theological instruction, and service to needy individuals; and

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(d) Supporting other organizations, projects, and initiatives that are organized and operated for similar purposes. 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, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### <u>ARTICLE IV</u> (POWERS)

Section 4.1 - Powers. In furtherance of the foregoing purposes and objectives (but not otherwise) and subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 4.2, the Corporation shall have and may exercise all of the powers now or hereafter conferred upon nonprofit corporations organized under the laws of the State of Florida, including, without limitation, the power to acquire, hold and dispose of real property and personal property, notes, mortgages, stocks, bonds and securities of all kinds, and shall have full power and authority to borrow money and execute its notes, bonds or debentures therefor and to secure the same by mortgage, deed of trust and security agreement upon its real and personal property. The Corporation may do everything necessary or convenient for the accomplishment of any of the corporate purposes, either alone or in connection with other organizations, entities or individuals, and either as principal or agent, subject to such limitations as are or may be prescribed by law.

#### Section 4.2 - Restrictions On Powers.

- (a) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any director or officer of the Corporation or any other individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the benefit of the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no director or officer of the Corporation or any other individual shall be entitled to share in any distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation or otherwise.
- (b) No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. However, if the Corporation is an organization to which Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code

applies and the Corporation has effectively elected to have such section apply, the Corporation shall have power to carry on the activities permitted by such section, but only to the extent such activities shall not result in the denial of exemption under such section. The Corporation shall not participate 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) Upon dissolution of the Corporation, all of the Corporation's assets remaining after payment of, or provision for, all of its liabilities shall be paid over or transferred to and among one or more exempt organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. The organizations to receive such property, and their respective shares and interests, shall be determined by the board of Directors.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and if at any time the Corporation is a "private foundation" as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, then during such period of time:
  - (1) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of "self-dealing," as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4941 of the Internal Revenue Code;
  - (2) The Corporation shall make distributions for each taxable year at such time and in such manner so as not to become subject to the tax imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code;
  - (3) The Corporation shall not retain any "excess business holdings," as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4943 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(4) The Corporation shall not make any investments that would jeopardize the carrying out of any of the exempt purposes of the Corporation, within the meaning of Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(5) The Corporation shall not make any "taxable expenditure," as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4945 of the Internal Revenue Code.

# ARTICLE V (MEMBERS)

The Corporation shall have voting members. The Corporation shall have no capital stock. The qualification of members and the manner of their admission shall be as regulated by the Bylaws of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of not less than three (3), nor more than twelve (12), Directors, as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. Directors shall be elected in accordance with the Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall elect such officers as it determines are necessary to carry out the day to day operations of the Corporation. The initial officers of the Corporation, and their addresses, are as follows:

President:

DAVID HANCOCK

655 NE Moss Rose Place Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

Secretary:

ALYSE HANCOCK

655 NE Moss Rose Place Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

Treasurer:

LYNN CRAIG

2300 Grand Oak Avenue Fort Pierce, FL 34981

# (BYLAWS)

The bylaws of the Corporation may contain any provisions for the managing and regulating of the affairs of the Corporation that are not inconsistent with law or these Articles of Incorporation, as these articles may from time to time be amended. However, no bylaw shall have the effect of giving any director or officer of the Corporation or any other individual any proprietary interest in the Corporation's property, whether during the term of the Corporation's existence or as an incident to its dissolution. The Bylaws may be amended from time to time by majority vote of the members present and voting at a duly called meeting at which a quorum is present.

#### ARTICLE VIII (INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT)

The name of the corporation's initial registered agent in the State of Florida is DAVID HANCOCK, and the location of the registered office of the corporation in the State of Florida is 655 NE Moss Rose Place, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983.

# ARTICLE IX (INCORPORATOR)

The names and addresses of the incorporator of the corporation is DAVID HANCOCK, and the location of the registered office of the corporation in the State of Florida is 655 NE Moss Rose Place, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983.

# ARTICLE X (DURATION)

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

# ARTICLE XI (AMENDMENTS)

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed and adopted by the Directors at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided reasonable notice of the intention to propose amendments is given prior to the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand and seal this 22 day of September, 2016.

DAVID HANCOCK, Incorporator

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.

DAVID HANCOCK

Date: September 22, 2016

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