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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF ANTHEM CHURCH, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation not for profit pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

## ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is Anthem Church, Inc. The initial principal address of the corporation is 12376 Antler Hill Lane, Jacksonville, Florida 32224.

#### ARTICLE II

The period of the duration of this corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon the filing and acceptance of these articles in the office of the Secretary of State of Florida.

## ARTICLE III

The purpose of this corporation is exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Specifically, this corporation's purpose is to be a Christian church which will engage in such ministries as church services, schools and education, music, sports, community services, public programs, and such other ministries as may be envisioned by the church and endowed by God to be of benefit to the community.

#### ARTICLE IV

The qualifications for members of this corporation and the manner of their admission, termination, and standing, shall be as provided in the bylaws. The members shall not be personally liable for the debts, expenses, or other obligations of the corporation, however created.

### ARTICLE V

The government of the corporation and the management of its affairs shall be vested in a Board of Directors, who will also be known as the Elder Board. To the extent not provided for in these Articles of Incorporation, the qualification, duties, term of office, and manner of election of the Board of Directors shall be fixed, determined, and subject to the bylaws of the corporation. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is three (3). The number of Directors shall not be less than three (3). The officers of the corporation shall be elected in the manner set forth in the bylaws. The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to serve until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Directors of this corporation are:

Edward G. Lehmann III

12376 Antler Hill Lane, Jacksonville, Florida 32224

Lennard Small, Jr.

12341 Sea Biscuit Court, Jacksonville, Florida 32225

David J. DeSorbo

7638 Praver Court, Jacksonville, Florida 32217

## **ARTICLE VI**

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis, and no shares of capital stock shall be issued.

## **ARTICLE VII**

In the event of dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligation of the corporation, the residual assets of the corporation will be distributed to one or more nonprofit funds, foundations or corporations, which are organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or religious and/or scientific purposes and which have established their tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or to which contributions are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

The names and address of the incorporators are:

Edward G. Lehmann III

12376 Antler Hill Lane, Jacksonville, Florida 32224

Lennard Small, Jr.

12341 Sea Biscuit Court, Jacksonville, Florida 32225

David J. DeSorbo

7638 Praver Court, Jacksonville, Florida 32217

#### ARTICLE IX

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any annual meeting or special meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members who are present; provided (1) that a full reading of the proposed changes is made (or a printed distribution of the same shall have been made in connection with the call of the meeting); and (2) that such amendment to these Articles shall have also first been approved for submission to the members by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors and the notices thereof shall state the purpose of the meeting and the proposed changes, or such notice shall have been duly waived by the Directors.

## ARTICLE X

Initial bylaws of this corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and shall be thereafter effective. Amendments to the bylaws shall be made in the manner provided in such bylaws.

## ARTICLE XI

This corporation shall be a corporation not for profit. No part of its assets or earnings shall incur to or be distributed for the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; provided however, that the preceding provision shall not prevent the corporation from paying reasonable and ordinary and necessary expenses of employees, ministers, officers and agents. 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. Notwithstanding any provision of these articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation 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 by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

The name and street address of the initial registered agent of the corporation is:

Jack B. Coker III, Esq. Eavenson, Fraser, Lunsford & Ivan 4230 Pablo Professional Court, Suite 250 Jacksonville, Florida 32224

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned being the incorporators of this corporation have executed these Articles of Incorporation effective as of the \_\_ day of March, 2017 for the purposes of forming this corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

Edward G. Lehmann III

David I DoSarbo

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Pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said act:

Anthem Church, Inc. desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Certificates of Incorporation, in the County of Duval, State of Florida, has named Jack B. Coker, Esq. of Eavenson, Fraser, Lunsford & Ivan, located at 4230 Pablo Professional Court, Suite 250, Jacksonville, Florida 32224, as its registered agent to accept service of process within this State.

# **ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office effective as of the 24<sup>th</sup> day of

March, 2017.

JACK B. COKER III

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