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New Covenant UMC - Lake Deaton, Inc.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
NEW COVENANT UMC – LAKE DEATON, INC.
(a Florida corporation not for profit)**

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of New Covenant UMC – Lake Deaton, Inc. under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation is New Covenant UMC – Lake Deaton, Inc.

ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The street address of the principal office of the corporation is as follows:

3470 Woodridge Drive
The Villages, FL 32162

The mailing address of the corporation is the same as the street address of its principal office.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes to support the ministry of New Covenant United Methodist Church, Inc. (the “Church”), a local church of the United Methodist Church that is incorporated as a Florida corporation not for profit, is exempt from United States income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and is a publicly supported organization within the meaning of Section 509(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the corporation is organized primarily for the purposes of holding title to property for the benefit of the Church, building a place of divine worship on the property for the benefit of the Church, and collecting and turning over to the Church any income from its property, less expenses. The corporation shall be controlled by the Church and operated at all times in compliance with The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (the “Discipline”) and exclusively for the benefit, and to carry out the purposes, of the Church.

ARTICLE IV. POWERS

The corporation has and may exercise all powers conferred on a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, provided, however, that its corporate powers are subject to the Discipline and cannot exceed the powers given to the Church by the Discipline. In addition, the corporation shall not act in any manner or engage in any activity that (a) is contrary to the Discipline, the purposes of The United Methodist Church, or the purposes of the annual conference of the United Methodist Church within whose territorial jurisdiction the corporation is situated, (b) would cause the corporation to cease to be exempt from income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any superseding United States income tax law, or (c) would cause contributions to the corporation to cease to be deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any superseding United States income tax law. In addition, the

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corporation shall not engage in any activity attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise, and shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, a candidate for public office. The corporation shall not permit any of its assets or income to be distributed to, or inure to the benefit of, any director, officer, or other private individual, provided that the corporation may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes.

ARTICLE V. TRUST PROPERTY

The corporation has and shall maintain a connectional relationship with The United Methodist Church. All real property and all tangible and intangible personal property owned by the corporation shall be held in trust for the use and benefit of the Church and The United Methodist Church and subject to the provisions of Discipline. The corporation is prohibited from severing its connectional relationship with The United Methodist Church without the advance written consent of the annual conference of the United Methodist Church within whose territorial jurisdiction the corporation is situated.

ARTICLE VI. DISSOLUTION

Upon its dissolution, the corporation shall convey, transfer, or distribute all its remaining assets and property, after the payment of all liabilities of the corporation and all costs and expenses of dissolution and liquidation, to the Church or, if it no longer exists, to one or more organizations that have a connectional relationship with The United Methodist Church and qualify for exemption from income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any superseding United States income tax law.

ARTICLE VII. MEMBERS

The corporation shall not have any members.

ARTICLE VIII. DIRECTORS

The directors of the corporation, who also may be referred to as trustees, must be professing members of The United Methodist Church who are at least 18 years of age and appointed by the Charge Conference of the Church as provided in the Bylaws of the corporation. The corporation initially shall have nine directors. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time, as provided in the Bylaws of the corporation, but the corporation shall never have fewer than three directors or more than nine directors. The names and street addresses of the initial directors of the corporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Tom Anell	767 Incorvaia Way The Villages, FL 32163
Shirley Cromwell	2416 Merida Circle The Villages, FL 32162

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John Groff	11237 S.E. 172 nd Place Summerfield, FL 34491
Bob Koehling	604 Hartley Place The Villages, FL 32162
Dale Newland	7202 S.E. 171st Pond Lane The Villages, FL 32162
Carl Pearson	2522 Five Forks Trail The Villages, FL 32162
• Laura Pearson	2522 Five Forks Trail The Villages, FL 32162
Lonnie Sellers	2000 Rolling Oak Avenue The Villages, FL 32162
Judy Stuart	820 Chappells Drive The Villages, FL 32162

ARTICLE IX. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation and the name of its initial registered agent at that address are as follows:

Robert C. Rasmussen
100 North Tampa Street, Suite 2200
Tampa, FL 33602

ARTICLE X. INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator of the corporation are as follows:

Robert C. Rasmussen
100 North Tampa Street, Suite 2200
Tampa, FL 33602

ARTICLE XI. BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS

The corporation may adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws and amend any provision of these Articles of Incorporation with the affirmative vote of a majority of all the directors of the corporation and the written approval of the Pastor and Charge Conference of the Church and the District Superintendent of the annual conference of The United Methodist Church who has supervisory jurisdiction over the Church.

Date: September 5, 2017


Robert C. Rasmussen, Incorporator

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Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.


Robert C. Rasmussen, Registered Agent

Date: September 5, 2017