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SOWAL COMMUNITY CHAPLAIN, INC.**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
SOWAL COMMUNITY CHAPLAIN, INC.**

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including its Treasury Regulations, all as amended from time to time ("Internal Revenue Code"), the undersigned serves as Incorporator for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit and does hereby certify:

**RECITALS**

A. On January 1, 2017, the undersigned formed SoWal Community Chaplain as an unincorporated association with and under the auspices of Christ the King Episcopal Church, Santa Rosa Beach Florida.

B. The undersigned, acting on behalf of such unincorporated association, now desires to incorporate in Florida and to continue operating the same ministry, but in corporate form as an independent organization.

C. Such unincorporated association formerly qualified as an integrated auxiliary for federal tax purposes, which is exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) and 508(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

D. Due to the incorporation of the ministry as an independent organization, the undersigned intends to seek recognition of this organization's tax-exempt status under Sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE 1  
NAME**

The name of this corporation is SOWAL COMMUNITY CHAPLAIN, INC. (the "Corporation").

**ARTICLE 2  
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The initial principal place of business of the Corporation is 66 W. Georgie Street, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459. The initial mailing address is 66 W. Georgie Street, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459.

**ARTICLE 3  
REGISTERED AGENT**

The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation, who is authorized to receive service of process, is EMILY ROSE PROCTOR. The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 66 W. Georgie Street, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459.

#### **ARTICLE 4 PURPOSES**

**4.1 General Purposes.** The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**4.2 Specific Purposes.** The specific purposes for which the Corporation is formed are as follows:

(a) To create a partnership among local churches, businesses, charitable organizations, and other community-based organizations to facilitate the increased awareness of, availability of, access to, and collaboration among existing faith-based and community resources in or serving part or all of South Walton County, Florida.

(b) To provide an effective way of reaching out to individuals in or near South Walton County who are facing personal crisis or transition and/or are in need of additional pastoral support.

(c) To connect individuals without a trusted support community to a diverse set of resources and temporary support, including pastoral care.

#### **ARTICLE 5 POWERS**

In furtherance of the purposes described in Article 4 above, the Corporation is authorized:

(a) To promote, support, and engage in activities carried on for charitable purposes, by the direct conduct of such activities, and by making grants to other organizations engaged in charitable activities.

(b) To receive and maintain personal or real property, or both; and, subject to the restrictions and limitations set forth below, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income from such property and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, educational, literary, or scientific purposes either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) To receive assistance, money (as dues or otherwise), real or personal property and any other form of contributions, gift, bequest, or devise from any person or entity, to be used in the furtherance of the objects and purposes of the Corporation; to enter into agreements or contracts for contributions to the Corporation for its objects and purposes, provided that gifts will be subject to acceptance by the Board of Directors as required by the Bylaws of the Corporation.

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(d) To establish an office and employ such assistance and clerical personnel as may be necessary and proper in the judgment of the Board of Directors, and pay reasonable compensation for the services of such persons.

(e) To distribute, in the manner, form, and method, and by the means determined by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, any and all forms of contributions or other funds received by it in carrying out charitable and educational programs of the Corporation in the furtherance of its stated purposes. Money and real or personal property contributed to the Corporation in furtherance of these objects and purposes are and will continue to be used exclusively for such purposes.

(f) To invest and reinvest surplus funds in such securities and properties as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

(g) To purchase, acquire, own, hold, guarantee, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, loan, or otherwise dispose of and deal in any bonds, securities, evidence of indebtedness, or other personal property, as well as to purchase, acquire, own, hold, sell, transfer, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of and deal in real estate; and, as the owner of any such real or personal property, to exercise all the rights, powers, and privileges of ownership.

(h) To contract and be contracted with, and to sue and be sued.

(i) To adopt and use an official seal for the Corporation pursuant to Section 617.0302(3) of the Florida Statutes.

(j) To do all acts and things necessary, proper and desirable to carry out and further the objects for which this Corporation is formed; and, in general, to have all the rights, privileges, and immunities, and enjoy all the benefits of the laws of the State of Florida applicable to corporations not for profit under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, including but not limited to the powers described in Section 617.0302 of the Florida Statutes.

Despite the foregoing, all powers and activities of the Corporation and its Board of Directors are limited by and subject to the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and to the other limitations provided in these Articles of Incorporation.

#### **ARTICLE 6 MEMBERSHIP**

The Corporation shall not have members.

#### **ARTICLE 7 DIRECTORS**

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a Board of Directors. The number and

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method of election or appointment of Directors (not less than three) shall be fixed and governed by the Bylaws.

The names and addresses of the initial Directors are as follows:

Emily Rose Proctor	Barbara C. Goins	Charles R. Goins
66 W. Georgie Street	347 Concert Court	347 Concert Court
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459	Freeport, FL 32439	Freeport, FL 32439

The terms for which the Directors are to serve, and the method by which the Directors are to be elected, will be stated in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE 8**

#### **DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' COMPENSATION AND INDEMNIFICATION**

**8.1 Compensation.** A Director or officer of the Corporation may receive reasonable compensation for personal services rendered as a Director or officer or in any other capacity, so long as the services are reasonable and necessary to carrying out the charitable purposes of the Corporation, and may be reimbursed for expenses or advances made for the Corporation that are reasonable in character and amount and approved for payment in the manner provided by the Bylaws. Despite any other provision in these Articles, however, the Corporation will make no payment that constitutes "self-dealing" as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**8.2 Indemnification.** Every Director and officer of the Corporation will be indemnified by the Corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed in connection with any proceeding or any settlement of any proceeding (including any appeals) to which a Director or officer may be a party or may become involved by reason of being or having been a Director or officer of the Corporation, whether or not a Director or officer at the time such expenses are incurred, but only if (i) the Director or officer is not adjudged guilty of or liable for willful misfeasance in the performance of his or her duties, and (ii) in the case of a settlement before entry of judgment, the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interest of the Corporation. The foregoing right of indemnification will be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which a Director or officer may be entitled by law. Appropriate liability insurance may be provided for every officer, Director and agent of the Corporation in amounts determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

**8.3 Interest of Directors and Officers in Contracts.** Any contract, whether for compensation or otherwise, or other transactions between the Corporation and (i) one or more of its Directors or officers, (ii) any firm of which one or more of its Directors or officers are shareholders, partners or employees, or in which they are interested, or (iii) any corporation, association, or partnership of which one or more of its Directors or officers are shareholders, members, Directors, officers, partners, or employees, or in which they are interested, will be valid for all purposes, despite the presence of such Director or Directors, officer, or officers, at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation which acts upon or in reference to such

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contract or transaction and despite his or their participation in such action. The fact of such interest must be disclosed to or known by the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors may, nevertheless, authorize, approve, and ratify such contract or transaction by vote of majority of the Directors present. This section will not be construed to invalidate any contract or other transaction which would otherwise be valid under the common and statutory law applicable thereto. This provision is subject to modification by any conflict of interest policy adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE 9 CHARITABLE LIMITATIONS**

Despite any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation may not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 617.0835 of the Florida Statutes. These restrictions include, but are not limited to, the following:

**9.1 No Private Inurement.** No part of the net earnings of the Corporation may inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, the Directors or officers of the Corporation, or to any other private persons, except that the Corporation is authorized and empowered (i) to pay reasonable compensation for personal services rendered to the Corporation, so long as the services are reasonable and necessary to carrying out the charitable purposes of the Corporation, and to reimburse expenses or advances made for the Corporation that are reasonable in character and amount, and (ii) to make payments and distributions to persons who are qualified to receive them in furtherance of the Corporation's charitable purposes as set forth herein. All of the net earnings and assets of the Corporation will be expended for the purposes stated in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**9.2 No Propaganda.** No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation will be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; and the Corporation may not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

**9.3 Private Foundation Rules.** In the event that, and for so long as, the Corporation is characterized as a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Corporation:

(a) shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(c) shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;

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(d) shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(e) shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE 10  
DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT OF EXISTENCE**

The Corporation shall exist perpetually.

**ARTICLE 11  
DISSOLUTION AND DISPOSITION OF ASSETS**


If the Corporation is dissolved pursuant to the Florida Statutes, the Board of Directors, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, shall dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation by transferring such assets to organizations that are exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as are engaged in activities of the type described in Article 4 above, as the Board of Directors determines. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such charitable purposes, or to such organization or organizations as that court determines are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**ARTICLE 12  
BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of this Corporation shall be adopted by the Incorporator on behalf of the Corporation and may be altered, amended, or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this Corporation under the laws of Florida, the undersigned, constituting the Incorporator of this Corporation, executed these Articles of Incorporation on February 27, 2018.

SOWAL COMMUNITY CHAPLAIN, INC.

  
By: EMILY ROSE PROCTOR  
Its: Incorporator

Address of Incorporator:

EMILY ROSE PROCTOR

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## ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Emily Rose Proctor agrees to act as registered agent for the Company named above, to accept service of process at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, and to comply with the provisions of the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, and acknowledges that she is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of such position.

Date: February 27, 2018

EMILY ROSE PROCTOR

By Emily Rose Proctor  
Print Name Emily Rose Proctor