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**FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION**  
**Horizon Church, Inc.**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**HORIZON CHURCH, INC.**  
(a Florida corporation not for profit)

The undersigned incorporator adopts and submits to the Florida Department of State for filing the following Articles of Incorporation to incorporate a corporation not for profit under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act:

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of the corporation is Horizon Church, Inc.

**ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

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

c/o The Florida Conference United Methodist Church  
Committee on New Church Development, Inc.  
450 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue  
Lakeland, FL 33815

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

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**ARTICLE III. PURPOSE**

The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes to establish and maintain a local United Methodist church in Tampa, Florida, that supports the doctrine of The United Methodist Church and is exempt from United States income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The corporation declares itself and all its property subject to the law, usages, and ministerial appointments of The United Methodist Church, and it shall be operated at all times in compliance with The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, as amended, revised, or modified from time to time by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church (the "Discipline"). In its function as a church, the corporation is sometimes referred to in these Articles of Incorporation as "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 a local 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 with which the church is affiliated, (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

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superseding United States income tax law. In addition, the corporation shall not engage in any activity attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise, and the corporation 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, income, or net earnings to be distributed to, or inure to the benefit of, any member, officer, director, trustee, or other private person, provided that the corporation may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything else in these Articles of Incorporation to the contrary, the corporation shall not adopt any bylaws, regulations, or amendments to these Articles of Incorporation that conflict with, or are prohibited by, the federal laws of the United States or the laws of the State of Florida that are applicable to corporations not for profit.

#### ARTICLE V. TRUST PROPERTY

The corporation has and shall maintain a connectional relationship with The United Methodist Church and shall not sever that connectional relationship without the advance approval of the annual conference of The United Methodist Church with which it is affiliated. 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 corporation as a United Methodist church and The United Methodist Church and subject to the provisions of the Discipline.

#### ARTICLE VI. MEMBERS

The corporation will have members. The initial members of the corporation will be the directors of The Florida Conference United Methodist Church Committee on New Church Development, Inc., as constituted from time to time, and they will be the members of the corporation until it is chartered as a local church of The United Methodist Church pursuant to constituting church conference that is called and held in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Discipline. Following the constituting church conference, the members of the corporation will be all the professing members of the church, as determined pursuant to the Discipline. Nevertheless, only those persons who are members of the charge conference of the church, as determined pursuant to the Discipline, are entitled to vote at a meeting of members of the corporation, unless the district superintendent for the district of the annual conference of The United Methodist Church with which the church is affiliated convenes a charge conference of the church as a church conference, in which case all the members of the church who are present at the meeting in person or by proxy will be entitled to vote.

#### ARTICLE VII. DIRECTORS

The affairs and operations of the corporation will be managed under the authority and direction of a board of directors that will be referred to as a board of trustees and constitute the board of trustees of the church that is contemplated by the Discipline. The trustees of the corporation must be professing members of The United Methodist Church who are at least 18 years of age. The corporation initially shall have four trustees. The number of trustees may be increased or decreased from time to time, as provided in the Bylaws of the corporation, but the corporation shall

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never have fewer than three or more than nine trustees. The names and street addresses of the initial trustees of the corporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Daniel Jackson	450 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue Lakeland, FL 33815
Wes Olds	450 Martin L Luther. King, Jr. Avenue Lakeland, FL 33815
Tony Prestipino	450 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue Lakeland, FL 33815
Marcus Zillman	450 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue Lakeland, FL 33815

After the corporation is constituted as a local church of The United Methodist Church in the manner provided in the Discipline, the trustees of the corporation must be professing members of the church and The United Methodist Church who are elected by the charge conference of the church at an annual meeting as provided in the Discipline and the Bylaws of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. 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 annual conference of The United Methodist Church with which the church is affiliated 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 IX. 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:

Daniel Jackson  
450 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue  
Lakeland, FL 33815

#### **ARTICLE X. INCORPORATOR**

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

Daniel Jackson  
450 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue  
Lakeland, FL 33815

#### **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 trustees of the corporation

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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 with which the church is affiliated. The corporation shall not adopt any bylaws that are contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of the Discipline.

**ARTICLE XII. COMMENCEMENT OF EXISTENCE**

The existence of the corporation will commence as of the date when these Articles of Incorporation are filed by the Florida Department of State.

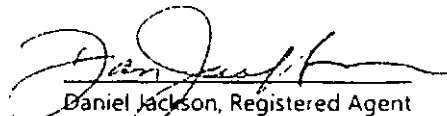
Date: May 17, 2018



Daniel Jackson, Incorporator

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

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.



Daniel Jackson, Registered Agent  
Date: May 17, 2018