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# **COVER LETTER**

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

EBENEZER LUTHERAN CHURCH, INC. (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME-MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:

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\$78.75

Filing Fee & Certificate of

Status

\$78.75

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\$87.50

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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

Permie A. Writt

386-456-1866 Daytime Telephone number

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

# EBENEZER LUTHERAN CHURCH, INC. A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

### ARTICLE ONE

The name of the corporation is EBENEZER LUTHERAN CHURCH, INC.

# ARTICLE TWO

Principal Office and Address

The address of the principal office of the Corporation and the mailing address of the

Corporation is:

Physical Address: 139 South Volusia Ave., Pierson, FL 32180

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 125, Pierson, FL 32180

# **ARTICLE THREE**

#### Duration

The term of existence of the Corporation is perpetual; and the corporation existence will commence of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation by the Department of State.

# ARTICLE FOUR

#### Purpose

The purpose for which the Corporation is organized are:

A) The purposes for which this organization is organized are exclusicharitable, scientific, literary and/or educational within the meaning of Section 5 Internal Revenue code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United Revenue Law.

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B) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall insure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any Director, Officer, or member of the Corporation, or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation, and reasonable expenses may be paid thereto, affecting one or more of the Corporation's purposes), and no Director or Officer of the Corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any or the Corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall include the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall neither participate nor intervene (including the publication or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, at any time.

C) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall 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 Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Regulations as they now exist or as they may be hereafter amended.

D) Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall

determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of Volusia County or by the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as the Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

E) The Church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world.

To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall:

- Worship God in proclamation of the Word and administration of the sacraments and through lives of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, witness, and service.
- ii. Proclaim God's saving Gospel of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith alone, according to the apostolic witness in the Holy Scripture, preserving and transmitting the Gospel faithfully to future generations.
- iii. Carry out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith in Christ and by doing all ministry with a global awareness consistent with the understanding of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all.
- iv. Serve in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity and justice for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, and standing with the poor and powerless, and committing itself to their needs.
- v. Nurture its members in the Word of God so as to grow in faith and hope and love, to see daily life as the primary setting for the exercise of their Christian

- calling, and to use the gifts of the Spirit for their life together and for their calling in the world.
- vi. Manifest the unity given to the people of God by living together in the love of Christ and by joining with other Christians in prayer and action to express and preserve the unity which the Spirit gives.

# ARTICLE FIVE

#### Directors

A) General Powers. The property, business and affairs of the Corporation shall be controlled and managed by the Board of Directors, who are also the members of the Congregational Council, who are elected by the congregation by majority vote, and serve in accordance with the Constitution and bylaws of Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Inc.

# ARTICLE SIX

#### Officers

The initial officers of the corporation are: President: Charles T. Wright, 325 North Street, DeLeon Springs, FL 32130; Vice President: Sonia Guyer, 190 Rattlesnake Point, Pierson, FL 32180; Secretary: Pennie A. Wright, 325 North Street, DeLeon Springs, FL 32130; Treasurer: Timothy Taylor, 1640 Juno Trail, #102E, Astor, FL 32102

#### ARTICLE SEVEN

#### Registered Office and Agent

The initial registered office of the Corporation shall be located at 325 North Street, DeLeon Springs, FL 32130; the initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address shall be PENNIE A. WRIGHT.

#### ARTICLE EIGHT

# Incorporator

# The name and address of the incorporator is:

# Pennie A. Wright, 325 North Street, DeLeon Springs, FL 32130

As Incorporator, I submit this document and affirm the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third-degree felony as provided in S. 817.155, F.S.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name on 24 day of September, 2018.

PENNIE A. WRIGHT, Incorporator

# ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

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.

PENNIE A. WRIGHT, Registered Agent

Dated: 4/24/18

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>24</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2018, by PENNIE A. WRIGHT, () who is personally known to me or () who produced as identification, and who did not take an oath.

CAROL J. GARDNER
MY COMMISSION # GG 193764
EXPIRES: July 8, 2022
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

Notary Public

CAROL J GARDNER

Notary printed name Commission No.:

My Commission Expires: