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SUBJECT: Encounter Christian Church, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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☒ \$78.75
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FROM: Gonzalo Venegas

Name (Printed or typed)

625 W 20th St

Address

Holland, MI 49423

City, State & Zip

616-405-8019

Daytime Telephone number

gvenegas808@gmail.com

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 ENCOUNTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC.

A Florida Nonprofit Religious Corporation

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit):

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: **Encounter Christian Church, Inc.**

ARTICLE 2: PRINCIPLE OFFICE

The principle street address of the Corporation is:

1485 International Pkwy #1001
Lake Mary, FL 32746

Mailing address of the Corporation is:

General Deliveries
Encounter Christian Church
2600 Michigan Ave
Kissimmee, FL 34744-9998

ARTICLE 3: PURPOSE

The purpose for which this organization is formed is to glorify God by forming a local congregation of the church of Christ which will carry out the great commission of the Lord Jesus Christ as revealed in the New Testament of the Word of God (Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-16). This congregation will provide opportunity for Christian people to continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayers (Acts 2:42), and prepare them for works of service (Ephesians 4:12).

This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

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The church is being incorporated in the State of Florida for legal purposes but said incorporation shall in no way interfere with the spiritual organization of the local church as given in the New Testament.

ARTICLE 4: MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed shall be according to the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE 5: INITIAL DIRECTORS

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

Gonzalo Venegas, Director
625 West 20th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Greg Marksberry, Director
1485 International Pkwy #1001
Lake Mary, FL 32746

Carl E. Ball, Director
1297 Waveland Ave
Gurnee, IL 60031-2323

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ARTICLE 6: REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Greg Marksberry, Director
1485 International Pkwy #1001
Lake Mary, FL 32746

ARTICLE 7: INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Gonzalo Venegas
625 West 20th St.
Holland, MI 49423

ARTICLE 8: STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that there is one sovereign God eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is the Creator of all things. (1 Chronicles 29:12, Psalm 135:6, Acts 2:32-33, Mark 12:29-30)

We believe that Jesus Christ, God's only Son was born of a virgin, lived a perfect life, died as a substitute for us, and rose from the grave. (Colossians 2:9, Luke 1:30-35, 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 2 Corinthians 5:21)

We believe in the Holy Spirit who convicts the world in regard to sin, righteousness and judgment, and indwells every believer, equipping them for personal growth and service to Jesus Christ. (John 16:8, Acts 2:38, Ephesians 1:13-14)

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the final authority for all matters of faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

We believe that mankind, created by God in His image, willfully sinned and as a result, is lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ. (Genesis 1:27, Romans 3:23, 6:23, Acts 4:12)

We believe that salvation – the forgiveness of sins – is available only by the grace of God through the blood of Jesus Christ. This free gift of salvation is offered to all who receive Christ as Lord and Savior. (John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9, Acts 2:38)

We believe that death seals the eternal destiny of each person. When Christ returns He will pronounce the eternal fate of each individual – the saved to eternal life in heaven, the unsaved to eternal separation from God in hell. (Acts 1:10-11, John 5:28-29, Daniel 12:2, 2 Corinthians 4:14)

ARTICLE 9: DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of this Church, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the Church, all assets shall be distributed to Florida Church Planters, Inc. d/b/a Florida Church Partners (FCP) so long as FCP is an organization exempt from federal income tax and described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended. Should FCP no longer meet the criteria described in this paragraph, all remaining assets of the Church shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Church is then located, exclusively for the purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. Such distribution shall be made in accordance with all applicable provisions of the laws of the state of Florida.

ARTICLE 10: IRC 501(C)(3) TAX EXEMPTION PROVISIONS

Section 10.1 Limitations on Activities

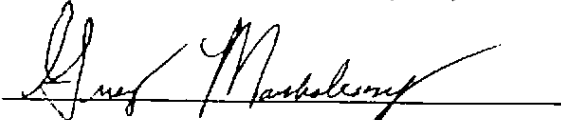
No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation [except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code], and this corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 10.2 Prohibition Against Private Inurement

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors or trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

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.

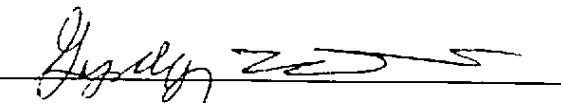


Greg Marksberry, Registered Agent

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Date

I submit this document and affirm that 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 for in s.817.155, F.S.



Gonzalo Venegas, Incorporator

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