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**AMENDED AND RESTATED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF TAMPA, INC.**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.1007, *Florida Statutes*, this Florida not-for-profit corporation adopts following amended and restated articles, which supersede and replace in its entirety, the original Articles of Incorporation and any amendments thereto.

**ARTICLE I
CORPORATE NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The name of this Corporation shall be: **GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF TAMPA, INC.** ("the Corporation"). The principal place of business is 1420 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33602, which is the same as the mailing address, but the Corporation shall have the power to change its mailing address to an address within or without the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSES**

The Corporation is organized as a church exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including, but not limited to, for such purposes, the establishing and maintaining of religious worship, the evangelizing of the unsaved by proclaiming the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the educating of believers in a manner consistent with the Holy Scripture, the maintaining of missionary activities in the United States and any foreign country and any other lawful purpose not for pecuniary profit or financial gain and not specifically prohibited to corporations under other laws of the State of Florida. The Corporation shall further be authorized to invest, reinvest, and administer the principal or the income of the Corporation's assets in such manner as, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, will best promote the purposes of the Corporation and shall be further authorized to exercise each and every power and right granted to a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida as may be necessary for the furtherance of its purposes; all in accordance with its Bylaws or as the same may be hereafter modified or amended; provided, however, that such activities conform to the provisions of Section 509(a)(3) and Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

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ARTICLE III

DURATION AND EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have a perpetual existence unless it shall be dissolved according to the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE IV

REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the registered office of the Corporation shall be 1801 N. Highland Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33602, and the registered agent of the Corporation at such address is BUSH ROSS REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES, LLC.

ARTICLE V

ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

Directors shall be elected or appointed pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaws and Constitution of the Corporation and shall serve until their successors are duly elected or appointed.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The business affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaws and its Constitution.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS

The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and other such officers as may be allowed pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaws, and the officers shall serve until their successors are duly elected or appointed.

ARTICLE VIII

BY-LAWS

The Bylaws, as approved and adopted by the Board of Directors, Board of Elders and Church Membership, may be amended from time to time pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaws.

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ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENT

These Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as adopted by the Board of Directors and church membership, may be amended from time to time upon the approval of the Board of Directors, and subsequent submission to the Membership for adoption at a duly called Annual Meeting, or a duly called special or emergency meeting, as set forth in the provisions of the Bylaws and Constitution of the Corporation.

ARTICLE X
RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES; DISPOSITION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

No part of the funds of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual, and no part of the activities shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or of participating in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The Corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit, nor shall it have any power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any individual and the balance, if any, of all money received by the Corporation from its operations, after the payment in full of all debts and obligations of the Corporation of whatever kind and nature, shall be used and distributed exclusively to organizations that qualify under Section 509(a)(1) or (2) of the Code. The Corporation shall have the power to acquire and hold title in fee simple, in trust, acquired by gifts, or otherwise, to both real and personal property, and to improve, encumber, sell, convey, use, lease, mortgage, and dispose of all such property in conformity with the Bylaws of the Corporation. In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation by transferring such assets to such organizations which are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and, to the extent possible, which are engaged in activities of the type described in Article II above, as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such 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 purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XI
INDEMNIFICATION

If the criteria set forth in §607.0850(1) or (2), *Florida Statutes*, as then in effect, have been met, then the Corporation shall indemnify any director, officer, employee or agent thereof, whether current or former, together with his or her personal representatives, devisees or heirs, in the manner and to the extent contemplated by §607.0850, as then in effect, or by any successor law thereto.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Grace Evangelical Church of Tampa, Inc. effective as of this 28th day of September, 2014.

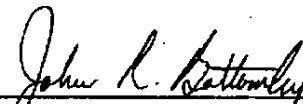

Chairman of the Board of Directors

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING

REGISTERED AGENT

Pursuant to the provisions of §§48.091 and 607.0501, *Florida Statutes*, **GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF TAMPA, INC.**, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby designates BUSH ROSS REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES, LLC, as its Registered Agent for the purpose of accepting service of process within such State and designates 1801 N. Highland Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33602, the business office of its Registered Agent, as its Registered Office.

GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF TAMPA, INC.

By: 
Chairman of the Board of Directors

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

BUSH ROSS REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES, LLC hereby accepts the appointment as Registered Agent of the above named corporation and agrees to act as such in accordance with the provisions of §§48.091 and 607.0505, *Florida Statutes*.

BUSH ROSS REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES, LLC

By: 
Randy K. Sterns, Vice President