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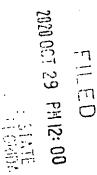
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### Sent Via Overnight Mail

Department of State Division of Corporations The Centre of Tallahassee 2415 N. Monroe Street, Suite 810 Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Re: Evolve Church, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am enclosing herewith the following items regarding the incorporation of the above referenced corporation, to wit:

- Original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation; 1.
- 2. Registered Agent Certificate; and
- A check payable to the Secretary of State in the amount of \$78.75.

Please file these documents on our behalf and remit the Certificate of Status to the undersigned.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

CWC/bw Enclosures

ce: Evolve Church, Inc.

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### **OF**

#### **EVOLVE CHURCH, INC.**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of this Corporation pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereby forms a Corporation for non-profit under the laws of the State of Florida and adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation:

#### ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be Evolve Church, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office of this Corporation shall be located at 10564 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Ococe, Florida 34761.

#### ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

The Corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law), including the making of distributions to or for the use of organizations exempt at the time under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law). Specifically, the purposes of the Corporation include Christian worship and to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Bible, and information about the Christian faith to as many people as possible using any effective lawful means.

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ARTICLE IV: INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The initial street address of the registered office of this Corporation in the State of Florida

shall be 1411 Edgewater Drive, Suite 200, Orlando, Florida, 32804. The name of the initial

registered agent of this Corporation at that address is Charles W. Cramer.

**ARTICLE V: RESTRICTIONS** 

A. No Private Inurement. No part of the earnings or assets of the Corporation shall

inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its Elders, directors, 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 set forth in Article III hereof. The Corporation shall not have capital stock or shareholders.

B. <u>No Substantial Lobbying</u>. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation

shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

C. No Political Campaigning. The 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.

D. <u>Irrevocable Dedication</u>. The income and assets of the Corporation shall be

irrevocably dedicated to its exclusive purposes.

ARTICLE VI: ELDERS

A. Number. The Board of Elders of the Corporation shall consist of not fewer than

three (3) Elders and not more than a maximum number determined by the Bylaws of the

Corporation as amended from time to time.

Evolve Church, Inc. Articles of Incorporation B. <u>Initial Elders</u>. The initial Board of Elders are as follows:

Edward Stapp 10564 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Ocoec, Florida 34761

Charles Hammack 10564 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Ocoee, Florida 34761

Geoff Hollis 10564 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Ocoec, FL 34761

C. <u>Powers</u>. The overall policy, control, direction and management of the Corporation shall be vested in the Elders. The Elders shall have all the rights and powers granted to it as outlined in the Corporation's Bylaws.

D. Term. The term of each member of the Board of Elders shall be as established in the Bylaws.

E. <u>Election</u>. The method of electing the Board of Elders shall be contained in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VII: INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator of this Corporation is:

Charles W. Cramer, Esq. 1411 Edgewater Drive Suite 200 Orlando, Florida 32804

ARTICLE VIII: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed to an exempt

organization(s) described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall

be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE IX – MEMBERS

The qualifications of the members of the Corporation, the manner of their admission.

voting, and other rights and privileges of members shall be regulated in the Bylaws.

<u>ARTICLE X - POWERS</u>

A. General. The Corporation shall have all the rights and powers customary

and proper for tax-exempt non-profit Corporations, including the powers specifically enumerated

in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, as amended.

B. Restrictions. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Articles of

Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by

a Corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue

Code, or by a Corporation to which contributions are deductible under Sections 170(b)(1)(A) or

(B) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future

United States Internal Revenue law).

C. <u>Charitable Trusteeship, etc.</u> The Corporation shall be empowered to hold or

administer property for the purposes stated in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation.

including the power to act as trustee.

ARTICLE XI – LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

A. Limitation. The personal liability is hereby eliminated entirely of an Elder to

the Corporation for monetary damages for breach of duty of care or other duty as a Elder:

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provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of an Elder: (i) for any

appropriation, in violation of his/her duties of any business opportunity of the Corporation; (ii)

for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing

violation of law; (iii) for the types of liability set forth in Florida Chapter 617, as amended; (iv)

for any transaction from which the Elder derived an improper personal benefit; or (v) for any

excise tax prescribed by Internal Revenue Code, Section 4958 and Sections 4940 through 4945

(including the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law, and

not restricting the Corporation from providing insurance in connection with such excise taxes).

B. No Effect on Prior Liability. Such provision shall not eliminate or limit the

liability of an Elder for any act or omission occurring prior to the date of the Articles of

Incorporation when such provision becomes effective.

C. <u>Amendment</u>. Any repeal or modification of the provisions of this Article shall be

prospective only, and shall not adversely affect any limitation on the personal liability of an

Elder of the Corporation with respect to any act or omission occurring prior to the effective date

of such repeal or modification, and must be approved by ninety percent (90%) of the Elders

present at a duly noticed meeting with a quorum present. In the event of any amendment of the

Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Code to authorize the further elimination or limitation of

liability of Elders, then the liability of an Elder of the Corporation shall be limited to the fullest

extent permitted by the amended Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Code, in addition to the

limitation on personal liability provided herein.

D. <u>Severability</u>. In the event that any provision of this Article (including a clause)

Evolve Church, Inc. Articles of Incorporation is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining provisions are severable and shall remain enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The undersigned incorporator has made and subscribed these Articles of Incorporation this

2) day of Oto 5 ... 2020.

Charles W. Cramer, Incorporator

# ACCEPTANCE AS REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent for the above mentioned Corporation, at the place designated in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept such designation and agree to act in such capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties as registered agent. I am familiar with, and accept the duties and obligations of, §607.0505 of the Florida Statutes.

Done this 28 day of October 2020.

Charles W. Cramer, Registered Agent