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BETTER COVENANT BIBLE CHURCH, INC.,

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
BETTER COVENANT BIBLE CHURCH, INC.,

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

ARTICLE I
CORPORATE NAME

The name of the corporation is:

BETTER COVENANT BIBLE CHURCH, INC.,

ARTICLE II
CORPORATE ADDRESS

The principal place of business and street address of the Corporation is:

8561 SW 21st Street
Davie, Florida 33324

ARTICLE III
DURATION

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE IV
GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

Section I – General Purpose

BETTER COVENANT BIBLE CHURCH, INC., is a Christian ministry, founded under biblical principles. The reason this ministry exists is to exalt the name of Jesus, to unify the family of faith, following the role-model that Jesus left us and to expand the Kingdom of God here on earth.

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Our Vision:

Our vision is building a Christian Community that will exemplify Christ-centered living, Christ-centered passion for the lost, Christ-centered leadership style, and a Christ-centered pattern of sacrificial service to the world (1 John 3:16; 4:17; John 15:16-17; 1 Peter 1:15).

Our Mission:

Our mission is to become a worshipping community that seeks to embody the holistic ministry of Jesus Christ in reaching the soul, spirit, and body of every person with the transforming power of God's word, ministering locally and globally (Matthew 4:23).

We Believe in the following:

The Bible

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God; inspired, infallible and unchangeable from Genesis to Revelation (2 Timothy 3:16). One God in three people We believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, and that the three are one. (1 John 5:7)

The Deity of Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Only Son of God, born of a virgin woman; who was crucified, died, and rose again on the third day; He ascended to the heavens and now sits at the right hand of the Father (Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:30-35).

Salvation

We believe that salvation is gained through repentance and the confession of sins; it is given by divine grace (not by works) and is received by faith in Jesus Christ. He is the only mediator between God and men (Acts 4:12). The resurrection of the dead and eternal life We believe in the second coming of Christ for His people, that the dead in Christ will rise first, those who are alive will be taken up by Him, and all will go through the judgment of God. Those whose names are written in the book of life will rise again for eternal life, and those whose names who are not in the book will face eternal condemnation (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, Revelation 20:11- 15).

Sanctification

We believe in sanctification as a work done instantaneously in the spirit, but

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one which must be developed progressively in the soul, and in the body of a child of God (Hebrews 12:14, Romans 6:19-22).

Baptism

We believe in the baptism of the Body of Christ, by which the person accepts Jesus, is born again, and goes on to be part of the Body of Christ and His eternal life. We believe in the baptism in waters as a sign of identifying with the death (to sin) and the resurrection of Jesus for eternal life (Romans 6:4).

Faith

We believe without faith it is impossible to live a life that is pleasing to God, and that through it we inherit His promises (Hebrews 11:6).

Preaching the Gospel

We believe in expanding the Kingdom at a local, national, and international level, through every means available to us (Matthew 24:14).

Besides being engaged in this ministry directly we will also provide teaching material for pastors, churches, missions, fellowship and other groups and conduct seminars to help in this endeavor both here and around the world.

Said corporation will govern itself and conduct its own affairs according to the New Testament Scriptures. This right shall include such matters as the hiring of employees, election or appointment of the Board of Directors and Officers, the conduct of its own services, performance of weddings and funerals, if it chooses to do so, usage of facilities, program(s), and all business and spiritual matters.

As such, this corporation may also seek relationships with the public, private, social welfare, and governmental organizations. We may conduct fundraising to accomplish our purpose which could include, person to person, mailings, conferences, community events, website, and internet social media. We may desire to partner with other (public and private) organizations along with local, state, and federal agencies in this regard. This may include a network of business and community leaders to partner with us to fulfill our vision and develop programs giving assistance to those in our community. Donations received will be used to accomplish these goals.

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Section II – Internal Revenue Service

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational purposes, 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 federal tax code.

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its 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 IV hereof.

No part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and 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.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on.

- (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or
- (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

ARTICLE V AFFILIATION

While maintaining its inherent rights to sovereignty in the conduct of its own affairs as herein set forth, the Corporation voluntarily commits to enter partnership with like-minded church and community organizations as it sees fit or is necessary to accomplish its mission.

ARTICLE VI PASTORAL CARE AND LEADERSHIP

The Senior Pastor shall be the spiritual leader of the church. The qualifications, process and vote required to approve or remove a Senior Pastor shall be contained in the Bylaws.

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ARTICLE VII MEMBERS

Membership in the church shall be available to those persons who qualify per the Holy Scripture and the Bylaws. Membership shall have no voting rights.

ARTICLE VIII CORPORATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The Board of Directors are the legal governing authority of the church. The directors and officers of the corporation shall be persons of mature experience and knowledge. The way the directors and officers are elected or appointed shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

The Board of Directors are authorized to lease, purchase, mortgage, encumber, and sell part or all the Corporations real property and personal assets. The Board of Directors are also authorized to apply for all Federal, State, and local grants and financial assistance and aid to supplement our community outreaches.

The Directors named herein as the first Board of Directors shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified. The names and addresses of the first members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Rev. Solomon Akpan Udo
8561 SW 21st Street
Davie, Florida 33324

Annmarie Franceschini
206 City View Drive
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

Rachel Udo
8561 SW 21st Street
Davie, Florida 33324

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The Board of Directors shall elect or appoint the following officers: President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the Bylaws of the corporation may authorize the directors to elect or appoint from time to time. Said initial Officers are empowered to open and close bank accounts, request an EIN and other associated matters with the IRS.

The names and addresses of the initial Officers are as follows:

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President:

Rev. Solomon Akpan Udo
8561 SW 21st Street
Davie, Florida 33324

Secretary:

Annmarie Franceschini
206 City View Drive
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

Treasurer:

Rachel Udo
8561 SW 21st Street
Davie, Florida 33324

**ARTICLE IX
DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the organization, none of its funds or assets shall be distributed to any director, officer, employee, trustee, or any other individual. The board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute funds and assets for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Any such funds or 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 religious outreach purposes.

**ARTICLE X
REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The corporation's registered agent and office is:

John P. Joseph, Esq.
7650 Gibraltar Court North
St. Petersburg, FL 33709

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**ARTICLE XI
INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator of the corporation:

Rev. Solomon Akpan Udo
8561 SW 21st Street
Davie, Florida 33324

ARTICLE XII: INDEMNIFICATION

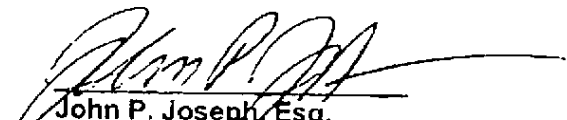
This Corporation shall indemnify any Director or Officer, or former Director and Officer, against expenses and necessarily incurred by him/her (legal fees or otherwise) or any amount paid in satisfaction of judgments about any suit or proceeding, whether civil or criminal in nature, in which he/she is made a party because of being or having been such Director or Officer. No Director, Officer, or former Director and Officer is eligible for indemnification if he/she pleads guilty or is convicted of a crime associated with the Corporation or its affiliates.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENT

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision contained in the Articles of Incorporation, or any amendments hereto, and to enact a Constitution and By-Laws, in manner now or hereafter prescribed by law and all rights conferred on Directors and Officers herein are granted subject to this reservation. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any time by a 2/3rds vote of the Directors of the corporation at any regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

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.

Required Signature of Registered Agent:


John P. Joseph, Esq.
7650 Gibraltar Court North
St. Petersburg, FL 33709

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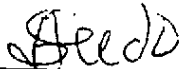
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REGISTERED AGENT

Date: May 23, 2021

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.

Required Signature of Incorporator:



Rev. Solomon Akpan Udo
8561 SW 21st Street
Davie, Florida 33324
Incorporator

DATE: May 23RD, 2021

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