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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

Zoe Network of Covenant Churches, Inc.

A Non-Profit Corporation

The undersigned, being over the age of eighteen (18) years and competent to contract, for the purpose of organizing a Corporation not-for-profit pursuant to the laws of the **State of Florida**, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation, and does hereby agree and certify as follows:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be Zoe Network of Covenant Churches, Inc.

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The physical and mailing address of the principal office of the Corporation shall be

11448 Quailhollow Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32218. Mailing Address: 1304 Dunn Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32218.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE AND POWERS

- (1) The purpose for which the Corporation is organized and operated is exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific 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. Such purposes shall include the following:
 - (a) We shall continue to equip leaders (Ministers, Civic Officials, Youth/Children) winstill hope and dignity that they will foster and build better communities which they live.
 - (b) Our goal is to shape cultures within communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through education, literacy, tutoring, economic empowerment through financial

literacy, health literacy/awareness, strengthening families through the teaching of the Scriptures, as prescribed in the Word of God.

- (2) As a means of accomplishing the above purposes and methods, the Corporation shall have the following powers:
- (a) To receive and accept gifts of money and property and to hold the same for any of the purposes of the Corporation and its work.
- (b) To raise and assist in raising funds for the purposes herein set forth, including the issuance of bonds or other instruments of credits.
- (c) To acquire, own, lease, mortgage and dispose of property both real and personal.
- (d) To accept property and donations in trust for religious or charitable purposes.
- (3) The property of the Corporation is irrevocable dedicated to religious, educational and charitable purposes, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation/organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation/organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of Section 501(c)(3) purposes.
- (a) No substantial part of the activities of the corporation/organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation/organization 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.
- (b) The Corporation shall not:
- (1) operate for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit;
- (2) accumulate income, invest income, or divert income, in a manner endangering its exempt status; or
- (3) except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV

MANNER OF ELECTION

Directors shall be elected as set forth in the Corporation's Bylaws.

ARTICLE V

INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This Corporation shall have (3) directors initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3). The name and street addresses of the initial directors of this Corporation are:

Joseph R. Edge – *Presiding Bishop*, 11448 Quailhollow Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32218.

Kamia D. White- 1st Vice Bishop, 3824 E. Lakeview Blvd., Cocoa, FL 32926

Audrey C. Folson – Fiscal Officer, 2051 SE Hillmoor Drive, Apt. 309A, Port Saint Lucie, FL 34952

ARTICLE VI

INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The street address and mailing address of the principal office and registered office of the Corporation is 11448 Quailhollow Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32218; Mailing Address: 1304 Dunn Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32218.

and the name of registered agent at such address is Joseph R. Edge.

ARTICLE VII

INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the Incorporator is: Joseph R. Edge, 11448 Quailhollow Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32218

ARTICLE VIII

<u>BYLAWS</u>

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

INDEMNIFICATION

This Corporation may be empowered to indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director in the manner set out and provided for in the bylaws of this Corporation.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation/organization shall not carry on any other activities nor permitted to be carried on:

- (1) by a corporation/organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S. Code (or corresponding section of the any future Federal tax code) or
- (2) by a corporation/organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the I.R.S. Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code)
- (b) Upon dissolution of this corporation/organization assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenuer Code, or 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.

AMENDMENT

This Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these articles of incorporation, or any amendment hereto.

Signature, Incorporator

8 01 2023

Date

Print Name

Title

Edge Presiding Bishop

Having been named as registered agent to accept services 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.

Signature, Registered Agent

8/01/2023

(Print Name)

Date

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