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December 27, 2023

Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Articles of Incorporation of First Baptist Church Fort Lauderdale Campus, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed you will find the original plus one copy of the Articles of Incorporation of First Baptist Church Fort Lauderdale Campus, Inc., along with our check in the amount of \$70.00 representing the Filing Fee (\$35) and Designation of Registered Agent fee (\$35) for this new not-for-profit corporation.

Please return a date-stamped copy of the Articles of Incorporation to the undersigned using the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

If you require anything further to register this new corporation, please call me at 954-400-4115. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ROGERS, MORRIS & ZIEGLER LLP

Romney C. Rogers

RCR/lp Enclosures

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OF

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FORT LAUDERDALE CAMPUS, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of this Corporation pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereby forms a Corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida and adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation to become effective January 1, 2024:

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FORT LAUDERDALE CAMPUS, INC.

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The principal office of this Corporation shall be located at 301 East Broward Boulevard, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301.

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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), and in particular.

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- to engage in any and all lawful activities to accomplish the foregoing purposes except as restricted herein.

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 1401 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 300, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301. The name of the initial registered agent of this Corporation at that address is Romney C. Rogers.

ARTICLE V: RESTRICTIONS

- A. <u>No Private Inurement</u>. No part of the earnings or assets of the Corporation 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 III hereof. The Corporation shall not have capital stock or shareholders.
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ARTICLE VI: DIRECTORS

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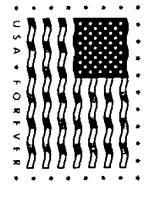
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