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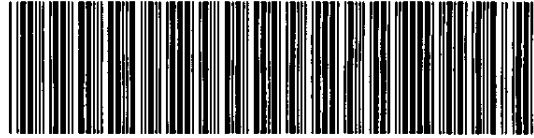
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TO: Amendment Section  
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NAME OF CORPORATION: First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of DeLand, Inc.

DOCUMENT NUMBER: N50317

The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Dorothy A. Ashton  
(Name of Contact Person)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
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1401 W. New York Ave.  
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fccofdeland@att.net  
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For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Dorothy A. Ashton at 386-734-0677  
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Enclosed is a check for the following amount made payable to the Florida Department of State:

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Articles of Amendment  
to  
Articles of Incorporation  
of

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Deland, Inc.  
(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

N 50317

(Document Number of Corporation (if known))

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this *Florida Not For Profit Corporation* adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

**A. If amending name, enter the new name of the corporation:**

\_\_\_\_\_ *The new name must be distinguishable and contain the word "corporation" or "incorporated" or the abbreviation "Corp." or "Inc." "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name.*

**B. Enter new principal office address, if applicable:**  
(Principal office address MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS)

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**C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:**  
(Mailing address MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX)

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**D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address:**

*Name of New Registered Agent:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Florida street address)

*New Registered Office Address:*

\_\_\_\_\_, Florida \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (Zip Code)

**New Registered Agent's Signature, if changing Registered Agent:**

*I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of New Registered Agent, if changing*

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**If amending the Officers and/or Directors, enter the title and name of each officer/director being removed and title, name, and address of each Officer and/or Director being added:**

*(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)*

*Please note the officer/director title by the first letter of the office title:*

*P = President; V= Vice President; T= Treasurer; S= Secretary; D= Director; TR= Trustee; C = Chairman or Clerk; CEO = Chief Executive Officer; CFO = Chief Financial Officer. If an officer/director holds more than one title, list the first letter of each office held. President, Treasurer, Director would be PTD.*

*Changes should be noted in the following manner. Currently John Doe is listed as the PST and Mike Jones is listed as the V. There is a change. Mike Jones leaves the corporation, Sally Smith is named the V and S. These should be noted as John Doe, PT as a Change, Mike Jones, V as Remove, and Sally Smith, SV as an Add.*

Example:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change	<u>PT</u>	<u>John Doe</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remove	<u>V</u>	<u>Mike Jones</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add	<u>SV</u>	<u>Sally Smith</u>

<u>Type of Action</u> (Check One)	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
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**E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:**  
*(attach additional sheets, if necessary). (Be specific)*

Articles in their entirety are attached / enclosed .

The date of each amendment(s) adoption: \_\_\_\_\_, if other than the date this document was signed.


Effective date if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)*

**Note:** If the date inserted in this block does not meet the applicable statutory filing requirements, this date will not be listed as the document's effective date on the Department of State's records.

**Adoption of Amendment(s) (CHECK ONE)**

- The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval.
- There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment(s). The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the board of directors.

Dated 15 OCTOBER 2015

Signature   
(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer-if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator – if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

Joseph L. Risse Jr  
(Typed or printed name of person signing)

Board Chair  
(Title of person signing)

# **AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

## **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) of DeLand, INC.**

### **PREAMBLE**

We, the members of the **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of 1401 W. New York Avenue, DeLand, Florida 32720**, in faithful response to the will and purposes of God as revealed through Jesus Christ, and God's continuing revelation in the world, do hereby adopt this constitution on this 22<sup>ND</sup> day of the month of SEPTEMBER in the year 2015.

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME**

The name of this congregation shall be **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of DeLand, FL Inc.**, affiliated as an integral part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, offices currently located at 1099 N. Meridian, Ste. 700, Indianapolis, IN 46204-1036 and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Florida, 1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite 100, Orlando, FL 32810.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **PURPOSE**

- 1.** The purpose of this congregation is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in faithful response to God's will and purposes as revealed through Jesus Christ and in the world; to seek in all persons a faith and commitment to Jesus Christ; to serve the community of which it is a part; to share the gospel in word and deed with the community, to sustain and be sustained by the general and regional manifestations of the Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ); to work cooperatively with Christians in other communions; to seek the oneness of the Body of Christ; and in all ways to seek to make known the love of God through Jesus Christ.

2. All elders, ministers and diaconate represent the entire First Christian Church of Deland body, and congregants in all services are encouraged to participate in church-wide activities.
3. An attitude of Christian good-will shall be maintained at all official meetings of the congregation and its organizations. Robert's Rules of Order will be deemed applicable where needed to provide structure or negotiate conflict.
4. This congregation shall maintain an attitude of good-will towards all other religious organizations and shall work for the unity of all Christians.

### **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this congregation, as a part of the whole family of God, on earth, shall consist of the following: those who are now members of the congregation; those who shall unite with it by confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, giving expression of their faith through baptism and commitment to Jesus Christ, and those who unite by transfer of membership, thereby reaffirming their faith and commitment to Christ.

Membership also consists of those who unite through associate membership allowing them to continue membership with another congregation where they may also serve in another community.

Any member that participates in the life of First Christian Church by attendance at least three times or a financial contribution in a 12 month period will be listed in the congregation's records of Participating Members.

### **ARTICLE IV DISSOLUTION**



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In the event that First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of DeLand, Florida should ever cease being a congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Florida, all of the corporation's assets of whatever kind and nature, or their equivalent in value, remaining after the payment of all debts and liabilities of the congregation shall be transferred to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Florida, currently located at 1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite 100, Orlando, FL 32810.

**ARTICLE V**  
**RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**OF THE CONGREGATION**

The congregation shall manage its affairs under the Lordship of Jesus Christ; determine its faithfulness to the gospel with respect to the basis of membership; own, control and encumber its property; organize and carry out the mission and witness of the congregation; establish its budgets and financial policies; call its minister(s) and other staff; and participate, through voting representatives, in regional and general assemblies of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in forming the corporate judgments of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The congregation shall demonstrate voluntarily its mutual concern for the nurture, mission and witness of the whole church, and among other responsibilities, it shall: proclaim the gospel; administer baptism and the Lord's Supper; provide for the spiritual nurture of its members; grow in understanding that the church is universal Christian fellowship; transcend all barriers within the human family; be faithful in Christian stewardship, striving to share proportionately in providing resources for the total life, work and witness of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); choose voting representatives to the general and regional assemblies of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and seek to realize the oneness of the church of Jesus Christ through cooperation with other churches of the community and with present and emerging ecumenical structures.

The congregation shall sustain its minister(s) in faithfulness and honesty. In matters pertaining to relationships with the minister(s) shall seek counsel from the Regional Minister of

the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Florida. The congregation may exercise and enjoy all other rights, privileges and responsibilities requisite or appropriate to carrying out its purpose.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**OFFICERS, GENERAL BOARD, ELDERS, DEACONS,**  
**TRUSTEES, CABINET, COMMITTEES, TASK GROUPS,**  
**MINISTRY TEAMS**

**SECTION A: OFFICERS**

The congregation shall elect from its participating members a moderator, vice-moderator, treasurer, financial secretary, board secretary and any assistant officers as authorized by the Bylaws of First Christian Church. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the congregation and shall serve as officers of the congregation and the general board as set forth in the Bylaws.

**SECTION B: GENERAL BOARD**

The congregation shall have a general board which shall be responsible to the congregation and have authority to act on behalf of the congregation when it is not in a congregational meeting.

The general board shall be composed of members as set forth in the Bylaws and for terms of office therein stated.

The general board shall be responsible for receiving reports from its minister(s), officers and the various organizations within the congregation. It shall establish by its action the ministries and budget of the congregation, subject to action by the congregation. It shall be responsible also for conducting all legal business matters of the congregation and carry out such other responsibilities as may be defined in the Bylaws.

#### **SECTION C: TRUSTEES**

The trustees shall oversee and manage under the direction of the general board all trust funds belonging to the congregation and shall manage the same under the direction of the general board of the congregation.

#### **SECTION D: ELDERS AND DEACONS**

The congregation shall have elders and deacons composed of men and women. Their election, qualification and responsibilities shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

#### **SECTION E: CABINET**

The congregation shall have a cabinet which shall be responsible for coordinating the ministries and work of the congregation and generally assisting the minister(s) in administering the same. It may also initiate ministries. It shall be composed of such members as set forth in the Bylaws.

#### **SECTION F: COMMITTEES, TASK GROUPS, AND MINISTRY TEAMS**

The congregation, through its general board, shall establish and dissolve Committees, Commissions, Ministry Teams, Task Groups, and other organizations necessary for conducting the ministries of the congregation as set forth in the Bylaws.

### **ARTICLE VII CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS**

Congregational Meetings shall be held annually as set forth in the Bylaws for election of church officers, elders, deacons, and trustees, and setting the annual budget for the following year. The congregation shall meet at other times at the call of the Board. Notice of all stated or

special congregational meetings shall be announced at all regular Sunday morning worship services of the congregation at least two weeks in advance of the meeting and by means of the church newsletter and/or Sunday Times, and by written notice to all participating members sent at least ten days before the meeting through email or first class mail. Purpose, date, time and place of meeting shall be indicated in each notice.

## **ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS**

The constitution may be amended at any congregational meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting on the amendment, provided written notice of the proposed amendment has been sent through email or first class mail to all participating members of the congregation and postmarked at least ten day prior to the day the vote is to be taken, or the proposed amendment has been read during or following two successive Sunday morning worship services immediately prior to the time the vote is taken.

**AUTHORIZATION**

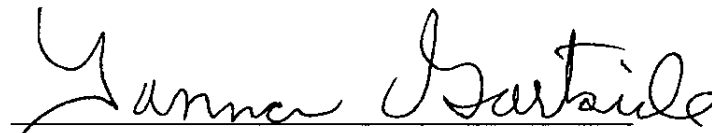
These Amended Articles of Incorporation were duly adopted by First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of DeLand, Inc., in a regularly called congregational meeting on the 22nd day of September, 2015, and supersede all other Articles of Incorporation previously adopted.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Moderator

Date 9/27/15

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Senior Pastor

Date 9/22/15

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Recording Secretary

Date 10/7/2015