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Florida Department of State Division of Corporations Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Dear Sirs:

Moreland Park Baptist Church, Inc.

Please find enclosed herewith the following:

- $\frac{1}{U} \frac{1}{M}$ Original and duplicate original of proposed Articles of No. Incorporation for the above-named corporation.
- Check in the amount of \$70.00. 2.

Please stamp the duplicate original as having been received, and return the same to me, promptly, in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for this service.

Sineerely yours,

P. B. Howell, Jr.

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

### MORELAND PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida, applicable to corporations not for profit, under the following proposed charter.

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the Corporation is MORELAND PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., and it is located at 3844 County Road 230, Wildwood, Florida 34785.

### ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The general nature or object of this corporation is to conduct for religious worship and instruction, churches, schools, pastoriums, and other institutions connected therewith of a religious, educational, charitable or benevolent character to the end that its own members and others may be generally instructed and guided concerning those articles of faith which are most sure, held among New Testament Baptist churches and to advance spiritual growth and enlightenment, moral and personal purity among its own membership and the people of the community in which it is located; to promote home and foreign missions; to aid in the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth; and to educate, prepare, and ordain Christian men for the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Every person who believes in repentance toward God, and faith in Josus Christ, as Savier and Lord, who has followed Him in baptism by immersion, who agrees to be governed by His laws, and to subscribe to the By-Laws as established by the corporation, is qualified and eligible for membership in this corporation. The manner of admission to membership in said corporation shall be by a majority vote of the voting members present at any meeting of said Church subsequent to the receipt of a Letter of Recommendation from another church of like faith and practice, profession of faith in Josus Christ as personal savier and subsequent baptism by immersion, or by a Statement of Faith in Christ when a Letter of Recommendation is not possible. Any and all present members of MORELAND PARK BAPTIST CHURCH (unincorporated) shall, upon request, be admitted to membership in this corporation.

## **ARTICLE IV - TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence, unless it shall be dissolved according to the laws of the State of Florida.

### **ARTICLE V - POWERS**

This corporation shall have the power to acquire and hold title in fee simp, e, in trust, or otherwise, to both real and personal property, and to improve, encumber, sell, convey and dispose of all such property; to borrow money, execute notes, bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness and secure the same by mortgage and deeds of trust, annuity bonds and other instruments of

Indebtodness and pay interest thereon; to improve, adapt and use its property or the income thereof in its religious, educational, benevolent, or social activities without financial profit to its members, except as may be necessary in the payment of salaries or other compensation for services rendered; and the corporation shall have the power to creet and maintain buildings for the worship of God, for training in Christian faith and conduct and for Christian social intercourse, and to acquire or build and maintain residences for the use and occupancy of its ministers.

## ARTICLE VI - SUBSCRIBERS

The name and residence of each subscriber to these Articles Of Incorporation are as follows:

| RICHARD J. CLARK | 3844 County Road 230 |
|------------------|----------------------|
|                  | Wildwood, FL 34785   |

CELESTE T. CLARK 3844 County Road 230 Wildwood, FL 34785

VERNON McLEMORE 4176 County Road 130 Wildwood, FL 34785

CATHERINE McLEMORE 4176 County Road 130 Wildwood, FL 34785

WILFRED P. DUPREY

6463 County Road 154-B
Wildwood, FL 34785

ALTON O. FCRT Post Office Box 68 Oxford, FL 34484

### **ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS**

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, three (3) Trustees, and such other officers as may be

provided in the By-Laws.

2. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation until their successors in office are duly elected and qualified are:

Prosident

RICHARD J. CLARK

1st Vice President & Trustoe WILFRED P. DUPREY

2nd Vice President & Trustee VERNON McLEMORE

3rd Vice President & Trustee ALTON O. FORT

Socrotary

CELESTE T. CLARK

Troasuror

CATHERINE McLEMORE

3. The officers shall be members of the Board of Directors and shall be elected by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in the By-Laws.

# ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS (DEACONS)

- 1. The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Pastor and the Board of Directors (Deacons), which shall consist of not less than three (3) persons, who shall be elected and hold office, as provided in the By-Laws of the corporation.
- 2. Members of the Board of Directors (Deacons) shall be members of the corporation.
- 3. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors (Deacons) until their successors are duly elected are:

RICHARD J. CLARK

3844 County Road 230 Wildwood, FL 34785

VERNON McLEMORE

4176 County Road 130

Wildwood, FL 34785

WILFRED P. DUPREY

6463 County 154-B Wildwood, FL 34785

ALTON O. FORT

Post Office Box 68 Oxford, FL 34484

## ARTICLE IX - BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors (Deacons) and may be amended and changed from time to time by the Board of Directors (Deacons).

### ARTICLE X - QUORUM

A quorum for the transaction of the business of the corporation shall consist of a majority of the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT**

Amendments to these Articles Of Incorporation may be amended, altered, or rescinded only by a majority vote of those members of the Board of Directors present at any special meeting called for that purpose.

# ARTICLE XII - DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT

MORELAND PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office as indicated in the Certificate Of Incorporation, at the City of Wildwood, County of Sumter, State of Florida, has named RICHARD J. CLARK as its Registered Agent to accept service of process within this State, who is located at the following registered office: 3844 County Road 230, Wildwood, Florida 34785.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE;

Having been named as the Registered Agent for the above corporation, for the purpose of accepting service of process at the registered office designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept such appointment and agree to act in such capacity. I agree to comply with the provisions of said sections relative to keeping open the registered office.

RICHARD J. CLARK

Registered Agent

# ARTICLE XIII - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of this organization, all of the assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organizations which have qualified for exemption under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal Government, or to a State or local Government, for a public purpose, and none of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer, or trustee of this organization. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Lake County, exclusively for such purpose or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE XIV

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific,

literary, and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(3)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Rovonuo law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned subscribers to these Articles Of Corporation have hereunto set our hands and seals this  $\frac{2}{2}$  day of May, 1995, for the purpose of forming the corporation not for profit, under the laws of the State of Florida.

CELESTE T. CLARK

VERNON MCLEMORE