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NAME OF CORPORATION: Sweetwater Baptist Church, Inc

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

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Articles of Amendment
to
Articles of Incorporation
of

Sweetwater Baptist Church, Inc

(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

N95000003131

(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:

N/A

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:

N/A

(Principal office address MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS)

C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:

N/A

(Mailing address MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX)

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: N/A

(Florida street address)

New Registered Office Address:

(City)

, Florida

(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

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.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remove | <u>V</u> | <u>Mike Jones</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add | <u>SV</u> | <u>Sally Smith</u> |

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| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Remove | <u>S</u> | <u>Julio Mondeja</u> | <u>551 NW 107th Avenue</u> <u>Apartment 2013</u> <u>Miami, Florida 33172-7810</u> |
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**E. If amending or adding additional articles, enter change(s) here
(attach additional sheets , if necessary). (Be specific)**

ADDING ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

ADDING ARTICLE XI : Statement of our Christian Faith.

SWEETWATER BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., BELIEVE :

Sweetwater Baptist Church Constitution is a document which legislates the beliefs and practices of this congregation. Each one of its articles and sections gathers the essence and the character of this congregation. All its content is based on the Sacred Scriptures, specifically as it is written in the King James version (KJ).

(1); About God. God is the Creator, Sustainer, and Ruler of the universe and exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are equal and a single God. See Genesis 1:1, 26, 27; Genesis 3:22; 90:2; Psalm; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthinas13: 14. (KJ).

(2): About Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, is consubstantial with the Father. Jesus Christ lived a human life without sin and He offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world, dying at the cross. He was resurrected from the dead on the third day, to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended into heaven and He will return again to Earth to reign as King of kings and Lord of Lords. See Matthew 1:22, 23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-15, 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4; 1:3; Romans, 4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14, 15; Titus 2:13 (KJ).

(3): About the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is consubstantial with the Father and the Son of God. He is in the world to remind human beings of the need of Jesus Christ. He provides new birth and lives in each Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with the knowledge of spiritual truths and sovereignty. He directs us in the will of God. He gives power to the believer in the service and comfort in affliction. He imparts spiritual gifts in a sovereign manner, with which the believer responds to the call to serve and to minister. See 1 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; 14:16,17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12; 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18 (KJ).

(4): About the Bible. The Bible is the Word of God, written by human authors under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme truth for the belief and Christian life. Because it was inspired by God, it is an irrefutable truth in its totality. Our first question when facing a decision is: What does the Bible say on the matter? We practice the daily reading, study, and the memorization of Biblical texts. The Bible is the basis for everything we believe and do. See Timothy 3:16, 2; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105, 160; Proverbs 12:6 (KJ).

(5): About man. Man was created in the image of God to be like Him in character. Man is the primary being in the creation of God. Although man has a great potential to do good, he is stained by the tendency to disobey God. This disobedience is called, sin. Sin has separated people from God's glory; sin causes many problems in life and because of it will take people to eternal condemnation in hell. See Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Isaiah 59:1, 2; Romans 3:23 (KJ)

(6): About salvation. Salvation is a gift from God, but it is necessary to accept it. We cannot offer good deeds or personal improvement to compensate for our sins. Only trusting in Jesus Christ as God's provision to forgive our sins, we can be saved. Eternal life begins at the moment we receive Christ as our Savior and Lord, granting Him all control. See John 14:6; 5:1 Romans; 6:23; Galatians 3:26; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; John 3:16 (KJ).

(7): About eternal life. God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ. Therefore, the believer is assured eternal salvation. Salvation cannot be lost. Salvation is obtained and maintained by the grace and power of God. See John 10:29; 1 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; 10:10-14; 1 Peter 1:3-5 (KJ)

(8): About the church. The universal church of Christ is the community of all those redeemed by His blood. The Lord established it and He is the Savior and Head. According to the New Testament, the local church is an independent body, whose members are equipped and guided by the Holy Spirit to preach the gospel and edify the believer.

(9): We recognize the value of voluntary cooperation with other churches or organizations of the same faith and order, but we think that each local church must have its own government and be independent of any denominational control. We insist that the congregation determines its own strategy, structure, and style.

(10): The church is sustained by the believers' offerings, as God has required. We recognize that some give according to the required 10% stated in the Old Testament, but the recommendation in the New Testament is to give with no limit, regularly, generously, and happily. See Acts 15 (Jerusalem Council); Colossians 1:18 2 Corinthians 9:7 (KJ)

(11): About eternity. Man was created to live forever. We have two options: we can live eternally separated from God because of sin or together with God by His forgiveness and salvation. The eternal separation from God is hell. Living in eternal union with Him is eternal life in heaven. Heaven and hell are real places for an eternal existence. See Matthew 1:8; 2:44, 46; John 2:25; 3:16; 5:11-13; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15 (KJ).

(12): About marriage. We believe marriage is a divine institution, created by God between a man and a woman. The purpose of God for this institution is for fellowship and procreation. Marriage between a man and a woman with their respective biological descendants forms the family who at the same time constitutes the foundation of all society. See Genesis 2:20-25; Ephesian 5:21-33 (KJ)

(13): Religious freedom. Only God is the Lord of our conscience, and He has left it free of man's doctrines and commandments which are opposed to His Word or are not in it. Church and state must be separated. The state must provide protection and complete freedom to the church in the exercise of its spiritual aims. The church should not have to resort to the civil branch of government to do the church work. The gospel of Christ only considers the spiritual means to reach its goals. The state does not have the right to impose penalties of religious opinions of any class. The state does not have the right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. The Christian ideal is one of a free church in a free state, and this implies the right for all

men/women to have free access without obstacles to God, and the right to establish and propagate opinions in the religion sphere without interference on the part of the civil branch of government. See Genesis 1.27; 2.7; Matthew 6.6-7,24; 16.26; 22.21; John 8.36; Acts 4.19-20; Romans 6.1-2; 13.1-7; Galatians 5,1, 13; Philippians 3.20; 1 Timothy 2,1-2 (KJ).

ADDING ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

ADDING ARTICLE XII : Statement of Christian Faith on Marriages, Gender and Sexuality

SWEETWATER BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., BELIEVE :

(1): We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. Man and woman are created by God in His image and likeness and their should not reject their biological sex.

(2): We believe that the term marriage has only one meaning : the uniting of one biological man and one biological woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a biological man and a biological woman who are married to each other. (First Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5 & Hebrews 13:4)

(3): We believe that any form of sexual immorality, including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography, is sinful and offensive to God . (Matthew 15:18-20 & First Corinthians 6:9-10).

(4): We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of our church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to our members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by our church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement of Faith on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality. (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16 & First Thessalonians 5:22).

(5): We believe that God is merciful to all sinners. He offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10 and First Corinthians 6:9-11).

(6): We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31 & Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of our church.

(7): We believe that God has ordained marriage and defined it as the covenant relationship between a man and a woman, and Himself, our church only recognize marriages between a biological man and a biological woman.

(8): We believe that the senior pastor, the assistant pastors, ministers, staff and volunteer of our church shall only participate in weddings and solemnize marriages between one biological man and one biological woman that are active members in good standing of our church. These believe shall no be limited to weddings and shall covered also children presentations, funeral ceremonies, birthday celebrations and any other activity involving church's personnel.

ADDING ADDITIONAL ARTICLE

ADDING ARTICLE XIII : Statement on Church Facility Use Policy

SWEETWATER BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., BELIEVE :

(1): We believe the church's facilities, land, patios, front and backyard, and equipments were provided through God's benevolence and by the sacrificial generosity of church members and volunteers. The church facilities are used only for the fellowship of the Body of Christ and to bring God glory. The church's facilities are not open to the public.

(2): We believe that the church's facilities use would not be permitted to persons or groups holding, advancing, or advocating beliefs or practices that conflict with the church's statement of faith or moral teaching that are summarized in the Articles of Incorporations.

(3): We believe that, in no event shall persons or groups who hold, advance, or advocate beliefs, or advance, advocate, or engage in practices that contradict the church's faith use any church facility. The church's facilities should not be used in any way that contradicts the church's statement of faith.

(4): We believe that this policy applies to all church facilities, regardless of whether the facilities are connected to the church's sanctuary or are not, because the church sees all of its property, present and future, as holy and set apart only to worship God. (Colossians 3:17).

(5): Description of usage of our property and buildings. Our property and buildings are designed to be used for: The glory of God. To live the communion with the body of Christ (His church) and to serve others . Our property and buildings are not opened to the public for its use; nevertheless, any person has access to regular services offered by the church under its auspices and direction. The use of our property and buildings will always observe the following:

(6): About schedules, our property and buildings should be used between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Any variation to this schedule needs previous authorization from the pastor and church officers. No activity can interfere or limit the regular services and activities of the ministries of the church. The church will always have preference in the use of the property and buildings.

(7): Sweetwater Baptist Church and the pastor will always reserve the right to lend, rent or come to an agreement with an individual, group or entity in the use of this property and buildings. Such right is protected by our Constitution, which establishes our beliefs and doctrine of faith and Christian moral ethic.

(8): In case the church allows the use of this property and buildings to another person or group of persons for any activity, the church reserves the right to apply a monetary charge for its use, likewise for maintenance, utilities, and insurance.

(9): Under no circumstance is the use of alcoholic beverage or similar substance approved on our property or buildings; smoking is absolutely prohibited in any of its forms, be it regular cigarettes, cigars, electronic cigarettes or any type of drugs. The use of prohibited substances (drugs) in any of its modalities is not permitted on our property or buildings. Any activity that includes dancing will not be permitted.

(10): The correct use of the Internet will be allowed within our property and buildings. Nevertheless, it is absolutely prohibited to use these devices to access pornographic material or any type of information which does not comport with our faith, morality, and Christian ethic. Our property and its buildings are located in common areas for all to use and in designated areas to respect the privacy of men and women, as well, according to their biological gender.

(11): However, our property and buildings could not be used in a way contrary to our faith and practice expressed in this Constitution which is based on the Scriptures as it is described in the previous paragraph.

ADDING ADDITIONAL ARTICLE

ADDING ARTICLE XIV : Statement of Religious Employment and Volunteers.

SWEETWATER BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., BELIEVE :

(1): We affirm that the inspiration of the Holy Spirit gives the Bible its canonical authority, and the role of our church is to recognize and affirm this authority in all aspect and activities of the church. The church affirm and project that authority also by its employees and volunteers.

(2): We believe that all and every position within the church, employees and volunteers, furthers the church's religious mission and has to be filled by a person that his/her life is inspired and reflect the doctrine of faith and conduct according to the Holy Bible and the church's Statement of Faith.

(3): We believe that all and every employee and volunteer of the church is a minister and therefore has to agree, support and lives according to the church Statement of Faith.

(4): We believe that the "ministerial exception" is a legal doctrine that clearly state that churches are exempt from anti-discrimination laws in hiring and firing employees.

ADDING ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

ADDING ARTICLE XV : Statement of Church Membership Policy

SWEETWATWE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., BELIEVE :

(1): We believe that membership of our church is a privilege and shall be composed only of individuals who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and affirm the tenets of the Church Statement of Faith and the church's Statement of Faith on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality.

(2): We believe that all members should offer evidence, by their confession and their conduct, that they are living in according to the rule of faith and conduct of the Holy Bible and our church's Statement of Faith.

(3): We believe that to carry on the religious mission of the church, to preserve the function and integrity of the church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons who associate with the church as members should abide by and agree to the church's statement of membership policy.

(4): We believe the Lord Jesus Christ has entrusted the local church with the authority and responsibility to discipline members for flagrant sin or serious doctrinal error, with the goal of the restoration of the offender. This discipline is entrusted to the Pastoral Staff and is to follow the biblical pattern as set forth in Matthew 18:15-20; First Corinthians 5; Second Corinthians 2:7-8; Galatians 6:1; Second Thessalonians 3:6; Titus 3:10-11 and Second John 7-11.

(5): We believe discipline will follow the biblical pattern described on paragraph 4, and is an effort to bring the individual to repentance and protect the church from unrepentant sin. Discipline may involve exclusion from participation in ministry and communion, as well as dismissal from the fellowship of our church.

(6): Membership of this church will be formed by people who: • Have made a profession of faith in Christ as his/her Savior and Lord. • Have experienced the baptism by immersion as a public profession of his/her faith. • That they are in agreement with the faith and practice of Sweetwater Baptist Church (Iglesia Bautista de Sweetwater) expressed in this Constitution. (See Article III on Faith and Practice) • That they promise to keep the unity, integrity, and testimony of the church.

January 4th, 2016

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

January 4th, 2016

Effective date if applicable:

(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

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- ☐ 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.

January 4th, 2016

Dated

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)

Rev. Felix A. Valdivia

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

President

(Title of person signing)