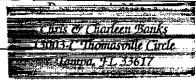
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September 23, 1999

CHRIS & CHARLEEN BANKS 13003-C THOMASVILLE CIR. TAMPA, FL 33617

SUBJECT: TAMPA EVANGELISM CENTER

Ref. Number: W99000022023

We have received your document for TAMPA EVANGELISM CENTER and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name of the corporation must contain a corporate suffix. This suffix may be: CORPORATION, CORP., INCORPORATED, or INC. Sections 617.0401(1)(a) and 617.1506(1), Florida Statutes, prohibits the use of the word COMPANY or CO. in the name of a non-profit corporation.

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent.)

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6927.

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## ARTICLES OF DECLARATION

OF

# TAMPA EVANGELISM CENTER, INC.

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#### KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we the undersigned, residents and citizens of the United States of America of full age of majority, have for the purpose of forming a church pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida for the purposes expresses in ARTICLE III hereof, adopted the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I

The name of this church shall be TAMPA EVANGELISM CENTER, The duration of this church shall be perpetual.

#### ARTICLE II

The name and address of the Registered Agent of the church in the State of Florida is Christopher Banks, 13003 Thomasville Circle #C, Tampa, FL, 33617. His signature, infra at page nine, indicates his acceptance of this designation. The address of the Registered Office of the church in the State of Florida, P.O. Box 291695, Tampa, FL 33687.

## ARTICLE III

This Church is organized and operated exclusively for the religious purposes of a church within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America.

In furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes, the church shall have the following powers and authority; however, the church shall not be empowered, and it is prohibited from, engaging in any activity which is not allowed pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America:

- (a) To operate under the name as set forth in Article I above;
- (b) To employ qualified counsel and other necessary personnel to carry out the purposes of this church;
- (c) To adopt and use a corporate seal;
- (d) To earnestly seek and promote the unity of God's people and churches in a Scriptures manner of Godly love, respect and faithful voluntary cooperation with liberty. To that end it may associate and cooperate freely with other churches and with missionary organizations and branches; as a free and independent fellowship body in accord with its own conscience and the wisdom of God, as the church perceives it to be, but in every case and in every act and in pursuance of or adoption of any policy or method or in practice or association does and shall do as free church, always retaining its sovereignty and independence and sovereignty as a church.

- (e) To receive tithes, offerings and property by gift, devise or bequest subject to the laws relating to the transfer of property by gift or will.
- (f) To act as Trustee under any trust incidental to the principal objects of the church and to receive, hold, administer and expend funds and property subject to such trust.
- (g) To take, purchase or otherwise acquire; to won, hold, occupy, use, and enjoy; manage, improve, develop, and work; to grant, sell, exchange, let, demise, and otherwise dispose of real estate, buildings, and improvements and every right, interest and estate therein without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated; to erect, construct, alter and repair buildings; to assume any and every kind of contract, agreement and obligation by or any Federal, State, or other government for the erection, construction, alteration, repair, renewal, equipment, improvement, development, use, enjoyment, leasing, management or control of any buildings, improvements or structures of any kind wherever the same may be situated.
- (h) To enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount and with any person, firm, association or church; to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, issue, and execute promissory notes, warrants, and other negotiable or transferable interests.
- (i) To purchase or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, use and enjoy, to sell, assign and transfer, exchange otherwise dispose of, deal in or deal

- with personal property of every kind and description without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated.
- (j) To borrow and to loan money and to give and to receive evidence of indebtedness and security therefor, to draw, to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, warrants and other debentures of the church, or otherwise to make guarantees of the church by mortgage, trust deed or otherwise.
- (k) By its Board of Trustees to appoint such officers and employees as may be desired proper; define their authority and duties; fix their compensation; require bonds of such of them as it deems advisable and fix their compensation; require bonds of such of them as it deems advisable and fix the penalty thereof; dismiss such officers or employees, or any thereof for any good reason and appoint others to fill their places;
- (l) To adopt Bylaws regulating and providing for:
  - (1) A definite and distinct ecclesiastical government;
  - (2) A formal code of doctrine and discipline:
  - (3) A congregational membership;
  - (4) An organization of ordained ministers ministering to the congregation;
  - (5) A system of ordaining ministers after completing prescribed courses of study;
  - (6) A literature of the church;

- (7) Regular religious services;
- (8) Sunday Schools and seminars for the instruction of young and old;
- (9) Schools for the preparation of its ministers;
- (10) Schools for Christian education of children;
- (m) To minister sacerdotal functions;
- (n) To adopt and assume names in the furtherance of its nonprofit, taxexempt purposes;
- (o) To use any and all media, including but not limited to print, television and radio, in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;
- (p) To provide a local place for Christian fellowship for those of like faith, where the Father God, Jesus, the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit, may be honored according to our full gospel testimony;
- (q) To assume our share of the responsibility and the privilege of propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ;
- (r) To do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of their purposes of the church and to have and exercise all the powers now or hereafter conferred by laws of the State.
- (s) To exercise such other and incidental powers as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the church is established, provided that such incidental powers shall be exercised in a manner consistent with its tax-exempt status as a religious

- organization as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America.
- (t) The several clauses contained in this ARTICLE III shall be constructed both as purposes and powers and the statements contained in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in any ways limited or restricted by reference to or inference form the terms of any other clauses, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers. Notwithstanding and provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the church shall NOT engage in any political activity proscribed by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America, nor shall any income or assets of the church insure to the benefit of any member, private individual or business entity.

#### ARTICLE IV

To assure the church of its sovereignty and independence and to perpetually protect the church, all ecclesiastical and legal power and authority relative to the church shall be exercised by and in accordance with the New Testament Church pattern. Thus under the leadership of the Holy Spirit the Board of Trustees shall conduct all the business of the church (church) and shall conduct all the business of the church (church). Membership qualifications shall be established in the bylaws of this church. The number of Trustees, and their qualifications shall be established in the Bylaws of this church.

The board shall manage the affairs of the church and be elected annually. The trustees shall act as Directors of the church.

#### ARTICLE V.

This nonprofit church is formed without any purpose of pecuniary profit and shall have no capital stock.

#### ARTICLE VI

The private property of the trustees and members of the congregation shall be non-assessable and shall not be subject to payment of any corporate debts, nor shall the trustees or members of the congregation become individually or corporately liable or responsible for any debts or liabilities of the church.

#### ARTICLE VII

Upon dissolution, the church shall revert to and become the property of an eleemosynary institution accorded tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America, to be designated by the Board of Trustees; provided, however, that the just debts and liabilities of the church shall first be paid. Upon dissolution, none of the assets or property of the church shall dissolve to the benefit of any member, private individual or business entity except as provided above in this ARTICLE VII.

#### ARTICLE VIII

These Articles may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

#### ARTICLE IX

The undersigned incorporates shall act as the initial Board of Trustees until their successors shall have been duly qualified and elected. The Board shall not be less than three (3). The undersigned shall hold the offices indicated.

Dated This 15th day of September, 1999.

#### INCORPORATORS

NAME	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Christopher Banks President/ Trustee	13003 Thomasville Circle #C Tampa, FL. 33617
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Charleen R. Banks	13003 Thomasville Circle #C
Secretary/Treasurer/Trustee	Tampa, FL. 33617

Vice President/Trustee

# Registered Agent

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