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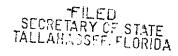
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Articles of Incorporation

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Tabernacle M.B. Church Community Empowerment Foundation, Inc.

Article L

The name of the corporation shall be Tallahassee M.B. Church Community Empowerment Foundation, Inc. as designated and named by its President and Board of Directors. The principal place of business of this corporation shall be:

615 Tuskegee Street Tallahassee, Florida 32310

The mailing address of this corporation shall also be:

Post Office Box 5982 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Article II.

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon date of incorporation.

Article III.

The overall purpose of the Tabernacle M.B. Church Community Empowerment Foundation, Inc. as a faith-based organization is to mobilize, assist and equip the local community to more effectively serve the spiritual and physical needs of those within our neighborhoods through education, training and provision of programs and resources. The Foundation's primary goal is to assist individuals in becoming independent, self-reliant and economically empowered, while encouraging cooperation with local agencies and community based groups. Programs and resources include, but are not limited to:

- A) programs for adults and youth to aid them in completing a specific degree and/or program.
- B) vocational and technical skills to enhance educational and employability skills.
- C) Referral services for information not easily found by economically disadvantaged persons.
- D) programs which aid in the enhancement of the family and community structure.
- E) assistance to ensure the well being of the elderly and/or persons with long term health needs.
- F) information, counseling and support to prisoners in a manner which will reduce the rate of recidivism once released from prison and as a form of comfort for those who will not be released.

- G) daily activities for youth, opposed to negative alternatives.
- H) routine educational assistance.
- I) recreational and athletic activities for adults and youth.
- J. to acquire, buy, hold, own, sell, exchange, convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of goods, chattels and merchandise.
- K) to mortgage, lease, hypothecate, exchange, bequest and/or acquire by gift, annuity, lands and chattels.
- L) networking, information and reference/resource sharing capacity building and helping to provide a positive voice for the Churches within various public venues.
- M) programs which strengthen the family by establishing family as top priority in peoples lives and by promoting principles for building marriages and raising children.

Article IV.

The Board of Directors are initially and henceforth appointed by the President of the Board. The manner in which the Board of Directors are appointed shall be determined by the President and that determination is set forth herein to include:

- A) Persons who believe in repentance towards God, and faith in JESUS CHRIST as their savior and LORD, and who are willing to confess Him publicly as LORD and follow him in baptism and to observe the ordinance of CHRIST and to be governed by His laws and the Church Covenant, are qualified and eligible for membership in this Church Corporation.
- B) the appointment of no less than three and no more than five members to serve a term of one year on the Tabernacle M.B. Church Community Empowerment Foundation, Inc. committee.
- C) the appointment of members to the Board is to be based on the individuals ability to contribute in terms of providing suggestions, information and other qualifications as deemed appropriate and necessary by the President.
- D) the understanding of each Board member is that their services are in an appointed capacity and that they may be terminated at any time without written or verbal advance notification by the President.
- E) the understanding of each Board member is that their position is in an advisory capacity for the promotion, maintenance and sustaining of the corporation.
- F) decisions that are requested of the Board by the President will be made by a majority vote and provided to the President as a recommendation.
- G) The President will hold the ultimate decision upon forwarding of recommendations by the Board of Directors.

Article V.

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent is: 615 Tuskegee Street. Rev. Stanley L. Walker, Sr. Tallahassee, Florida 32310

Article VI.

This corporation shall at all times be controlled by the majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors of the Tabernacle M.B. Church Community Empowerment Foundation, Inc. present at any regular or special meeting duly called. The Pastor of Tabernacle M.B. Church will be deemed President of the Tabernacle M.B. Church Community Empowerment Foundation, Inc.

VII.

The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Board of Directors which consist of a Steering Committee. The name of the officers are as follows:

President Rev. Stanley L. Walker, Sr. 635 Tuskegee Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Treasurer Leroy Collins 1106 Bob White Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Financial Secretary Veronica Sarjeant P.O. Box 10084 Tallahassee, Florida 32302

VIII.

The By-Laws of this corporation and any change in amendments to the Articles of Incorporation are to be made, altered or rescinded by a two-thirds vote of the qualified members of the Board of Directors of the Foundation at a regular or special business meeting, providing a ten day written notice of the purpose has been sent to all known members by United States mail at the last known address.

IX.

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

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In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)3 and 170(c)2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose.

XL.

The <u>name and address</u> of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is:

Reverend Stanley L. Walker, Sr. 635 Tuskegee Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Stanley Walker Sr.

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