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Term of Existence

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

ARTICLE VI.  
Subscribers

~~— The names and residences of the subscribers to the Articles are:~~

~~— Bishop (Presiding Officer, equivalent to President)~~

~~— The Right Reverend Edward Hamilton West, D.D.~~

~~— 4949 Vandiveer Road, Jacksonville, Florida~~

~~— Chancellor~~

~~— The Honorable H. Plant Osborne, Junior~~

~~— 3847 Ortega Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida~~

~~— Secretary of the Diocese~~

~~— The Reverend Johnson Hagood Pace, Junior~~

~~— 7973 Denham Road, East, Jacksonville, Florida~~

ARTICLE VI.  
Organization

**Section 1.** The affairs of the corporation are to be managed by the Bishop of the Diocese (who shall be President and Chief Executive Officer of the corporation), a Standing Committee, the Diocesan Council (which shall consist of not less than three (3) members), and such other officers and agencies as may be provided from time to time by the Canons. The Canons shall provide for the time and manner in which the Standing Committee, the Diocesan Council and other officers and agencies are elected and appointed.

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**Section 3.** (a) The Diocesan Convention shall be the Legislative Authority of the Diocese. It shall be composed of clergy and lay delegates as provided by the Canons. There shall be an annual meeting of the Diocesan Convention at such time and place as the Canons shall provide. The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese shall have the power to call a special Diocesan Convention, provided that at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice thereof shall be given to all clergy canonically resident in the Diocese (as provided in the Canons) and congregations entitled to representation (as provided in the Canons), in writing, specifying the time and place of meeting and the business to be transacted.

(b) Each clergy and lay delegate to the Diocesan Convention shall be entitled to one vote; unless a vote by orders shall be called for by three clergy members or by the lay delegation from one congregation. If a vote by orders shall be called for, the clergy and laity shall vote separately, and a concurrence of both orders on the same ballot shall be necessary to constitute a decision.

**Section 4.** The election of a Bishop of the Diocese shall be had in regular or special Diocesan Convention. The quorum required for the election of a Bishop shall be a majority of all clergy delegates entitled to vote and a majority of all lay Delegates entitled to vote at such convention. The election shall be in the following manner: After nominations have been made in open Convention, vote(s) shall be taken by orders (clergy and lay) and by secret ballot until a qualified Bishop or Presbyter shall be chosen. A concurrent majority of those present and voting in both orders shall be necessary for election of a Bishop.

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#### Interim Organization

~~The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the Bishop and the following Officers and Bodies who shall serve until the next Annual Diocesan Convention and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.~~

~~(Names deleted—Refer to original copy in Diocesan Office).~~

ARTICLE VII.  
Canons

**Section 1.** The Diocesan Convention shall provide such Canons for the conduct of the business and the carrying out of the purposes of the corporation as it may deem necessary from time to time, consistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the laws of the State of Florida.

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ARTICLE VIII.  
Amendments

These Articles may be amended by a resolution introduced in writing and considered in any annual Diocesan Convention. If approved by a majority of that convention, it shall lie over until the next Annual Diocesan Convention when, upon consideration again, if it be approved in a vote by Orders, the amendment shall become effective.

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Non-Profit Status

**Section 1.** No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual or member.

**Section 2.** No person, firm or corporation shall ever receive any dividends or profits from the undertakings of this corporation.

**Section 3.** The corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise act to influence legislation.

ARTICLE X.  
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Powers

In order to promote the purposes of this corporation, it may acquire property by grant, gift, purchase, devise or bequest, and hold and dispose of such property as the corporation shall require for the benefit of the members and not for pecuniary profit.-

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ARTICLE XII.

Adoption; Effective Date

As required by Section 617.1007, Florida Statutes, it is stated that these Articles contain amendments to the preexisting articles of incorporation of the corporation that required member approval. These Articles were adopted by the Diocesan Conventions meeting on September 30, 2023, and \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and the votes cast in the respective Orders at both Diocesan Conventions were sufficient for approval and adoption of these Articles.

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that the false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in Section 817.155, Florida Statutes.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(By Bishop or Chair of Standing Committee as Ecclesiastical Authority)

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(Typed or printed name of person signing)

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(Title of person signing)