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SECRETARY OF STATE
NORTH CAROLINA
AVERSBO ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH OF GARNER, NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

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We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one (21) years or more, acting as incorporators for the purpose of creating a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, entitled "Non-Profit Corporation Act," and the several amendments thereto, do hereby set forth:

I.

The name of the corporation is Aversboro Road Baptist Church of Garner, North Carolina, Inc.

II.

The period of duration for the corporation shall be perpetual.

III.

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to operate and carry on a church for religious purposes; to engage in and conduct services for the worship of God, the study of the holy scriptures, and the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for the purposes stated above and not for profit. No part of the net earnings or income of this church and religious corporation shall inure to or for the benefit of any private person or individual. Inclusive within these purposes are the following:

(a) To teach and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

(b) To carry on the work of a Bible-believing, fundamental church in all of its spiritual, benevolent, educational, philanthropic, civil and social aspects and activities.

(c) To promote the spiritual welfare of all people and to disseminate the Word of God to the people of all nations, in conformity with the principals of a fundamental church.

(d) To accept donations, contributions and gifts of all kinds of property, whether real, personal or mixed, and to rent, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire, mortgage, sell and convey all kinds of property, whether real, personal or mixed, or any interest or estate therein in this State or in any other of the States of the United States, territories or dependencies.

IV.

The corporation shall have as members such persons as shall be admitted under the constitution and by-laws of the corporation. There shall be no classes of members except there shall be a roll for inactive members as provided for in the constitution and by-laws.

V.

The directors of the corporation shall be elected by the members in the manner provided in the by-laws.

VI.

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is Post Office Box 181, Garner, Wake County, North Carolina 27529. The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at the above address is the Rev. Robert L. Coats.

VII.

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be twelve (12) and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first meeting of the corporation or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

J. Woodrow Upchurch, 301 Tiffany Circle, Garner, North Carolina
R. Fenner Watkins, 1310 Frederick Road, Garner, North Carolina
James Valsame, 302 Tiffany Circle, Garner, North Carolina
William E. Garrison, Jr., 5820 Fayetteville Road, Raleigh,
North Carolina
Thaddeus A. Smith, 401 Lawndale Drive, Garner, North Carolina
Manley A. Pope, 1302 Vandora Avenue, Garner, North Carolina
W. W. McClure, Sr., 3812 Vesta Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina
K. Maurice Cooper, 404 Longview Drive, Garner, North Carolina
Sam H. O'Neal, 1204 Poplar Avenue, Garner, North Carolina
Bobby D. Marcom, 1112 Park Avenue, Garner, North Carolina
Robert W. Collins, 206 Hilltop Avenue, Garner, North Carolina
H. Grady Harris, Jr., 701 Berkshire Drive, Garner, North Carolina

VIII.

The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

Edgar E. Lambert, 1208 Poplar Avenue, Garner, N. C.
A. I. Stephens, Vandora Springs Road, Garner, N. C.
William E. Garrison, Jr., 5820 Fayetteville Road, Raleigh, N. C.

IX.

In addition to the powers granted corporations under the laws of the State of North Carolina, the corporation shall have full power and authority to acquire real or personal property by gift, contribution, bequest, devise, purchase, lease, exchange or in any other manner, and to hold legal or equitable title to real and personal property; to borrow money and issue notes, bonds, indentures or other evidence of indebtedness, secured or unsecured; to sell, buy, lease, encumber, mortgage, pledge, donate, and otherwise deal with, acquire and dispose of real and personal property, or both, and generally perform all acts which may be deemed necessary, expedient or proper by the corporation on authority of the members for the successful carrying on of the objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed.

X.

This corporation shall not have any shares of capital stock but shall consist of and shall be governed by a majority of its members in accordance with the principles of the constitution and by-laws of the corporation. The original incorporators, as herein named, execute these Articles of Incorporation for the convenience of, and as representative of, all the present active members of the Aversboro Road Baptist Church of Garner, North Carolina, Inc., and all such present active members of the Aversboro Road Baptist Church of Garner, North Carolina, Inc., shall upon the official incorporation of this church, immediately be charter members of this corporation, and all persons accepted in the future as members of said church shall also be members of this corporation as long as

they continue to be active members of said church. The said original members shall have full authority to adopt a constitution or set of by-laws, or both, to govern and conduct the affairs of this corporation.

XI.

The members of this corporation shall have the power and authority to license a minister to conduct the marriage ceremony and power and authority to license and ordain ministers when necessary and proper from time to time.

XII.

The corporation shall have the power and authority to establish, operate and maintain a Christian school or schools.

XIII.

The corporation shall have the power and authority to establish, operate and maintain missions and branch churches of the Aversboro Road Baptist Church of Garner, North Carolina, Inc., in the City of Garner, or Wake County or any other place.

XIV.

The final authority for the operation and management of the spiritual, business, and other affairs of this corporation shall be vested in the membership of the corporation.

XV.

No member of this corporation, nor any officer or director shall, merely by virtue of such membership or office or position, incur or be subject to any personal liability for any indebtedness or any acts or omissions of this corporation.

XVI.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services

rendered and to make payments and distributions, in furtherance of the purposes as set forth in these Articles.

XVII.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors, for said purpose, shall after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the County in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively

for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, this the 6th day of September, 1973.

Edgar E. Lambert (SEAL)
Edgar E. Lambert

William E. Garrison, Jr. (SEAL)
William E. Garrison, Jr.

A. I. Stephens (SEAL)
A. I. Stephens

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

I, Jane B. Marion, a Notary Public for said County and State do hereby certify that Edgar E. Lambert, William E. Garrison, Jr. and A. I. Stephens, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 6th day of September, 1973.

Jane B. Marion
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3-11-76

