#### CERTIFICATION OF INCORPORATION

OF

UPON THIS ROCK CHURCH, INC.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, the Undersigned, do hereby certify to the adoption of the following Articles of Incorporation:

## ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be UPON THIS ROCK CHURCH, INC.

## ARTICLE II

The place in which the Corporation shall exercise its functions, or part of its functions, shall be Shelby County, Alabama.

## ARTICLE III

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

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87H AVENUE AND 22ND STREET, NORTH BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203 The purpose of the Corporation is to found, to operate and to perpetuate a Church of Christian Believers with the property of the Church, whether it be real, personal or mixed, being held by the Corporation in trust for the Church.

# ARTICLE V

This Corporation shall have no capital stock and shall not be operated for profit. Thus, this Church is established as a religious corporation under the provisions of Title 10-4-20, Code of Alabama, 1975.

# ARTICLE VI

In addition to all powers and authority to which it is entitled under the laws of the State of Alabama, the Corporation shall have the following specific powers, and the powers herein enumerated are in furtherance of the operation of the Corporation and shall not limit its other lawful powers:

- To acquire, hold administer, distribute, encumber and dispose of real and personal property;
- 2. To take, receive and acquire property by gift, devise or bequest and to hold in trust, own, administer, use, distribute and dispose of such property for the advancement, promotion or furtherance of the objects of the Corporation;
- 3. To do those things necessary for the establishment and perpetuation of the Church, the attainment of its objectives,

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the conduct of its affairs and the extension of its influence through religious, charitable and educational work; and
4. To exercise any and all such powers as are incident to private corporations under the laws of this State.

#### ARTICLE VII

The government and the affairs of the Corporation shall be established by and set out in the By-Laws of the Church, which shall be formulated and adopted by the Trustees hereafter named and which must be in harmony and accord with these Articles of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE VIII

The hereinafter named Trustees shall formulate and adopt the aforementioned By-Laws of the Church at such time as they deem practicable and proper but within three (3) months of the execution of these Articles, which shall establish and define the government, officers, membership, property and business management and affairs of the Corporation in accordance with these Articles. Until such time, said Trustees shall conduct and manage all affairs, functions and business of the Corporation, including leasing, purchasing, acquiring, holding, managing, encumbering, and disposing of all properties, real and personal, of the Corporation, as they deem necessary.

# ARTICLE IX

The founding members of the Church shall be the Trustees of the

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Corporation and the names and addresses of the Trustees of the church are as follows:

Ronald H. Mays & Pamela M. Mays 2623 Tahiti Trail Alabaster, AL 35007

Robert R. Minter & Marsha F. Minter 729 Mt. Parkway Maylene, AL 35114

John J. Krahn & Georgia A. Krahn 1556 Yachtsman Alabaster, AL 35007

Ralph V. Scott & Deborah S. Scott 7 Monte Bello Ln. Montevallo, AL 35115

F. Stephen Brunson & Pamela J. Brunson P. O. Box 36064 Birmingham, AL 35236

Harry D. Horton & Dianne B. Horton 4602 Miller Cr. Helena, AL 35080

In the event that any Trustee is unable, for any reason, to perform the duties of his office, the remaining Trustees may elect a successor or may continue to act with the full power and authority held by the original number of Trustees.

Until such time as said Trustees adopt the aforementioned By-Laws, all actions taken in the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation shall be by a vote of no fewer than three (3) Trustees with all decisions being made by majority rule.

# ARTICLE X

The qualifications for membership and the rules for acceptance, discipline and dismissal of members of this Church shall be established in the By-Laws thereof. Until such time as the Trustees adopt the By-Laws, said Trustees are empowered to accept and dismiss members.

The Corporation shall have no members. No individual, as such, shall have any interest, in or title to any of the property of the Corporation and the private property of the members of the Church shall be separate and apart from corporate property and exempt from corporate obligations of every kind.

# ARTICLE XI

## DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION

In the event the Corporation at any time dissolves and winds up its affairs as provided by law, all the assets of the Corporation, after its liabilities and obligations have been paid, satisfied, and discharged or adequate provision shall have been made therefor, shall be applied and distributed to one or more domestic or foreign corporations, societies or organizations organized and operating exclusively for charitable, educational or religious purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law as the Board of Directors shall determine). The distribution shall be made in accordance with a plan of dissolution

and distribution as presented by the Elders, and in no event shall corporate assets inure to the benefit of any Elder, church member, or employee of the Corporation upon dissolution.

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	hereby certifies that duplicate originals of Articles of INCORPORATION  UPON THIS ROCK CHURCH, INC.  duly signed
	and verified pursuant to the provisions of Section 10-4-20 (A) of the Alabama
	Business Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.
	ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Judge of Probate, and by virtue of the
	authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of INCORPORATION
	of, and attaches
	hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of INCORPORATION
	GIVEN Under My Hand and Official Seal on this the 12th day of
	NOVEMBER
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	Judge of Probate
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