

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE CHURCH OF COMMON GROUND**

BE IT KNOWN, that the undersigned, subscriber hereto pursuant to the laws of the State of Alabama governing such cases do make and file these Articles of Incorporation with the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, for the purposes of forming a corporation.

**ARTICLE 1. NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be The Church of Common Ground.

**ARTICLE 2. DURATION OF THE CORPORATION**

The period of its duration is perpetual.

**ARTICLE 3. PURPOSE OF CORPORATION**

The corporation has been organized for the following purposes:

3.1 The purpose for which this organization is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

3.2 To work as a community of believers, to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ amongst ourselves and all people.

3.3 To license, ordain, and oversee ministers of the gospel.

3.4 To provide ministry, food, clothing, and other items to needy people throughout the world.

3.5 To do any and all other things therein above set forth to the same extent as any natural person or person might or could do, and to any and all things necessary, suitable, or proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes or for the attainment of any of the objects or for the exercise of any of the powers herein above set forth, whether herein specified or not, either along or in connection with other firms, individuals, or corporation, to do any act or acts, thing or things, incident to or in connection with any business mentioned, or any part or parts thereof, to the extent not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Alabama, and to have and to exercise all powers that may now or hereafter be conferred upon or allowed to corporations organized under the laws of the State of Alabama.



3.6 The several clauses contained in the statement of purpose shall be constructed both as purpose and powers and the statements contained in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in wise limited or constructed by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clause, but will be regarded as independent purposes and powers. The business or purpose of this corporation is from time to time to do any one or more of the acts and things herein set forth and it is hereby expressly provided that the enumeration or specific purposes and powers of this corporation shall always be construed to prevail to prevent this corporation forever becoming subject to or subsidiary or subordinate or amendable to any other organization.

3.7 Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future Federal Income Tax Code, or shall be distributed to the Federal, State, or local Government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit of Shelby County, Alabama in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

3.8 It is intended that the foregoing numeration of specific purposes or objects, authorities, or powers shall both be held to not limit or restrict in any manner the powers of the corporation but shall be in the furtherance of, and in addition to, and not in limitation of the general powers conferred by the laws of the State of Alabama.

#### **ARTICLE 4. QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS AND MANNER OF ADMISSION**

The Church of COMMON GROUND shall have members. The manner of election, appointment, or admission, the qualifications, the rights and responsibilities shall be set forth in the by-laws.

#### **ARTICLE 5. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is

**4000 Eagle Point Corporate Drive  
Suite 100  
Birmingham, Alabama 35242**

and the name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at such address is Stephen R. Smith.

#### **ARTICLE 6. DIRECTORS**

The Directors named in these Articles shall serve as Directors for the ensuing year, or until the by-laws have been approved and followed to the establishment of a new Board



of Directors. The number, qualifications, manner of selection, terms of office, and method of removal of Directors shall be determined in the manner set forth in the by-laws.

The names and addresses of the first Board of Directors are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Ralph E. Ozley	700 Stonehaven Road Birmingham, AL 35226-1557
David L. Barton	5056 Meadowbrook Road Birmingham, AL 35242
Jayne S. Hock	487 Paige Drive Hoover, AL 35226
Kimberly N. Margadonna	500 Lake Colony Drive Vestavia Hills, AL 35242
Robert B. Howard	3317 Culloden Way Birmingham AL 35242-3993
Dean Ledbetter	5181 Weatherford Drive Birmingham, AL 35242

#### **ARTICLE 7. INCORPORATORS**

The names and residence addresses of the incorporators are:

NAME	ADDRESS
Stephen R. Smith	5238 Heatherhedge Circle Birmingham, AL 35242
Michele Smith	5238 Heatherhedge Circle Birmingham, AL 35242

#### **ARTICLE 8. BYLAWS**

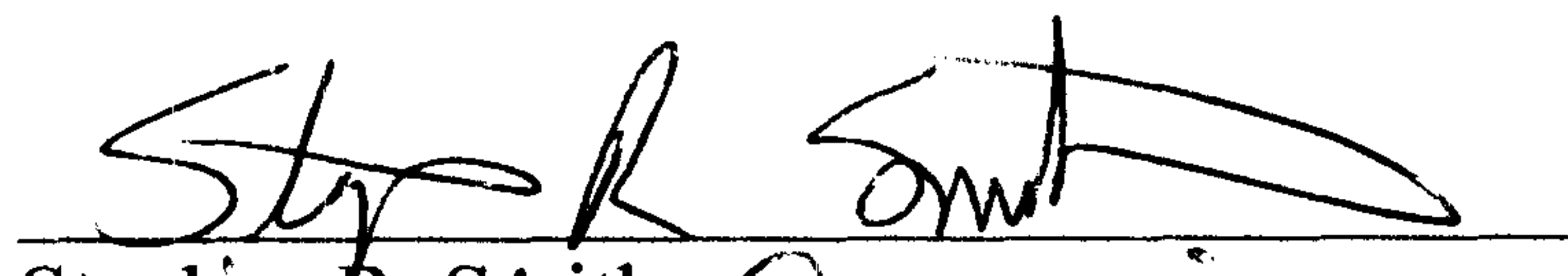

The Bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be amended, altered or rescinded by the Board of Directors in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

## ARTICLE 9. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by statute or consistent and permissible by statute and detailed within the Bylaws.

The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter provided by the laws of the State of Alabama, and all rights conferred upon the directors herein are granted subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said incorporators has hereunto set his hand and seal this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2006.

  
Stephen R. Smith  
  
Michele H. Smith

THIS DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:

Stephen R. Smith  
5238 Heatherhedge Circle  
Birmingham, AL 35242

STATE OF ALABAMA  
SHELBY COUNTY

I, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Stephen R. Smith and Michele H. Smith, INCORPORATORS, and whose names are signed to the foregoing instrument and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of this instruments, they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 21 day of February 2006.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 6007 JUN 13 2009  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF ALABAMA AT LARGE  
BONDS: MIKE NOTARY PUBLIC UNDERWRITERS



# State of Alabama Shelby County

## Certificate of Incorporation

Of

### **THE CHURCH OF COMMON GROUND.**

The undersigned, as Judge of Probate of Shelby County, State of Alabama, hereby certifies that duplicate originals of Articles of Incorporation of **THE CHURCH OF COMMON GROUND** duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of Section Non Profit 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 her by law, hereby issues this Certificate to **THE CHURCH OF COMMON GROUND** and attaches hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of Incorporation.

Given under my hand and Official Seal on  
this the 21<sup>ST</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2006

*Patricia Yeager Fuhrmeister*

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Patricia Yeager Fuhrmeister  
Judge of Probate

