

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
GREATER NEW GUIDE BAPTIST CHURCH**

BE IT KNOWN, That on this third day of August 1946, before me, JOHN HEREFORD PERCY, JR, a Notary Public, in and for the State, Parish and City aforesaid, therein presently residing, duly appointed and commissioned and qualified and in the presence of the two undersigned competent witnesses, personally came and appeared:

James M. Hamilton (Chairman) – 1925 Gayosa Street  
Samuel Peterson (Secretary) – 130 North 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Eddie White – 2347 Gracie Street  
Charles Green – 720 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Horace Sanders, Jr. – 1328 North 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
Eddie Cook – 929 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
Chariut Price – 1826 Fuqua Street  
Bennie Dunn –  
Professor M. Frazier –  
Peter Roberts – 1242 North 28<sup>th</sup> Street

All of whose post office addresses are Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who declared that availing themselves of the rights and privileges accorded by the laws of the State of Louisiana relative to the organization of corporations for educational, eleemosynary, literary, scientific, religious and charitable purposes and especially of the provisions of Act 254 of 1914 of the Legislature of Louisiana, as amended, they do hereby organize themselves, their successors and assigns as well as such persons as many now or hereafter become associated with them into a corporation in pursuance of said above said laws and under and in accordance with the following of incorporation, to-wit:

**ARTICLE I.**

The name of this corporation shall be the Greater New Guide Baptist Church and it shall continue as a corporation for a period of nine hundred and ninety years, unless sooner dissolved, and its domicile shall be this Parish and State.

**ARTICLE II,**

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed are hereby declared to be: To advance, foster, disseminate, and more firmly establish the CHRISTIAN RELIGION according to the tenets and doctrines of faith and the disciplines as now used and approved by the MISSIONARY BAPTISTH CHURCHES, and to establish a CHRISTIAN CHURCH as a company of persons divinely called and separated from the world, baptized on a profession of their faith in Christ, united in

covenant for worship and Christian Service under the supreme authority of Christ, whose word is their only law and rule of life in all matters of religious faith and practice, hereby declaring and covenanting that all of the acts and doings of this corporation shall be governed and decided by what is known as HISCOX DIRECTORY FOR BAPTIST CHURCHES or the Standard Manual for Baptist Churches by Edward T. Hiscox

### **ARTICLE III.**

The OFFICERS which shall contract for and manage this corporation are hereby declared to be: Seven members of the corporation to be known as DEACONS. There shall also be elected a PASTOR. The PASTOR shall preside at all meetings of this corporation, if he desires to do so, and if a majority of those present do not oppose his so presiding. The PASTOR shall have charge of all of the religious work of the church, and the DEACONS shall assist him in such work. The DEACONS shall have full charge of all of the temporal affairs of the corporation and all finances and funds. The members of this corporation, however, shall have full power to decide all questions pertaining to both the spiritual and temporal affairs of the corporation, and all questions shall be first submitted to the corporation as a whole and approved by them before any action is taken by either the PASTOR or the DEACONS.

### **ARTICLE IV.**

The PASTOR, TRUSTEES and the DEACONS shall be elected by the members of the corporation, except the first DEACONS and first TRUSTEES who are herein provided for. The election of the PASTOR and ELECTED OFFICERS of the corporation shall take place at the first business meeting which is to be held on the first Wednesday Night before the second Sunday in January of each year. The DEACONS and TRUSTEES named herein shall serve until the first Wednesday night before the second Sunday in January, 1947, and/or until their successors are duly elected, and the corporation shall have the right to call for a new election of DEACONS at any time a majority of the members shall so vote and notice of the time, place and date of said election shall be made at the Sunday Service or services for the two Sundays immediately preceding the date of the election; and the relations between the corporation and the PASTOR may be dissolved at any time, at the option of either party, by giving three months' notice in writing. Vacancies in the membership of said Boards resulting from any cause other than the expiration of the aforementioned term of office or removal by the congregation shall be filled by and from the members of said religious congregation by a majority vote of those present at a business meeting called for that purpose, notice of which said meeting shall be given verbally by the Pastor or any of the Deacons from the Pulpit at all Sunday religious services at the usual place of meeting for at least two Sundays, immediately prior to the date of the meeting.

The Board of Deacons shall at all times be subject to the control of the members of said religious congregation and any member or members of said Board may be

removed and someone elected to fill their unexpired term or terms by a two-thirds vote of this religious congregation present at a business meeting called for that purpose, notice of which said meeting shall be given verbally (from the pulpit) at all Sunday religious services at the usual place of meeting for at least two Sundays, in advance of the date of the meeting and any New Deacon or Deacons so elected shall be placed by the Deacon Board.

#### **ARTICLE V.**

ALL LEGAL SERVICES, including CITATION, shall be made on any one of the DEACONS.

#### **ARTICLE VI.**

The following named persons shall be the first DEACONS to serve this corporation, to-wit: JAMES M. HAMILTON, EDDIE WHITE, CHARLES GREEN, PETER ROBERTSON, CHRIST ADAM, CHARIOT PRICE, JOSEPH CLAY, and SAMUEL PATTERSON, its secretary all of said persons are residents of the City of Baton Rouge and their Post Office is Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

#### **ARTICLE VII.**

TRUSTEE BOARD which shall consist of ten members: The TRUSTEES and their duties shall be in charge of all of the property real and personal; and all paid officers and PASTOR'S salary shall be fixed by the DEACONS and TRUSTEES' Board and approved by the Church. The first TRUSTEES NAMES are: JAMES H. HAMILTON, EDDIE WHITE, CHARLES GREEN, SAMUEL PATTERSON, HORACE SANDERS, JR., CHARIOT PRICE, PETER ROBERTSON, BEN DUNN, EDDIE COOK, and PROFESSOR J. M. FRAZIER, SR.

#### **ARTICLE VIII.**

This corporation shall have full power and authority to appoint committees, subordinate officers, clerks, secretaries and representatives as the business of the corporation shall require or the corporation shall deem necessary or advisable, and to recall such appointments at will.

#### **ARTICLE IX.**

Any person who is eligible to membership in this corporation according to the tenet and doctrines of the MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCHES, and who has been regularly elected to membership in this corporation, can become and remain a member of this corporation as long as such person observes the rules of this corporation prescribed in the HISCOX DIRECTORY and such rules, regulations and by-laws as

may be prescribed by this corporation from time, to time, but such right of membership shall be personal to such member of persons, and shall not be transmissible to their heirs at their death. Any person voluntarily, and not on account of old age or sickness, absenting himself or herself from the meetings of the corporation, either religious or otherwise, for the space of one year or any member failing to contribute to the financial support of the corporation when able to do so for the space of one year, shall ipso facto, and without any formal action on the part of the corporation, immediately cease to be a member of that corporation. Any person who voluntarily withdraws from this corporation, or joins another religious corporation, shall immediately cease to be a member of this corporation. Any person who shall be regularly expelled from this corporation, shall cease to be a member thereof. Any person who shall cease to be a member of this corporation in good standing shall ipso facto forfeit all rights in and to this corporation and its property.

#### **ARTICLE X.**

This corporation shall have full power and authority to make, have and use a common seal, with such device and inscription as it shall deem proper, and the same to break, alter and amend at its pleasure, and shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, and shall be authorized and empowered to make rules, by-laws and ordinances, and to do everything needful for its good government and support not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States, to the Constitution and laws of this State, or to this instrument,

#### **ARTICLE XI.**

This CORPORATION shall be capable in law, to take, receive and hold all manner of land, tenements, rents and hereditaments, and any sum of money and any manner and portion of goods and chattels, given and bequeathed unto it or acquired by it in any manner. It shall also have power to buy and hold real estate for church purposes, but any real estate so acquired shall not be sold or mortgaged except under authority of a resolution adopted by the corporation at a meeting of the membership called for the special purpose, after ten days special notice, either written or verbal to each member, to each member in the City of Baton Rouge, and adopted by at least two-thirds of those attending the meeting. This ACT OF INCORPORATION may be amended at any time by the members hereof, provided two-thirds of the entire membership present at a special meeting called for the purpose shall vote in favor of such amendment or amendments. Special notice of such meeting shall be given to all of the members in the City of Baton Rouge, either verbally or in writing, and special notice of such meeting shall be given also by posting an announcement in the church, for at least two weeks before such meeting shall be held, and such notices and announcements shall set forth the amendment or amendments to be proposed and voted on,

Resolutions adopted by the congregation shall be authority for any one designated by the members of the congregation to act for the corporation and a copy of any resolution certified by six members of the Board of Trustees shall be full proof that said resolution was duly passed in accordance with this charter and shall be binding upon the corporation and can be relied upon by anyone dealing with this corporation.

## ARTICLE XII.

This corporation may be dissolved only by the operation of law or by three fourths vote of the members of this said religious congregation at a business meeting called for that purpose notice of which shall have been given orally from the pulpit at all religious services for four Sundays preceding the said meeting and also posted on the front church door for the same period,

Thus done, read and passed at my office in the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, on the day, month and year first above written in the presence of Wesley R. Wiltz and Joyce Moore competent witnesses who subscribed their names with me, said notary and said appearers on the day, month and year first above mentioned.

WITNESSES:

(Signed) Wesley R. Wirtz  
Roberts

(Signed) Joyce Moore

Signed:

James Hamilton      Peter

Eddie White              S. Patterson  
Charley Green          Bennie Dunn  
Horace Sanders, Jr.      Chariut Price  
Eddie Cook                J. M. Frazier

(Signed) John Hereford Percy, Jr.  
Notary Public