

June 17, 2024

To: To Whom It May Concern

**Re:** HORIZON CITY CHURCH INC.

Mailing Address: 301 BRIMMING LAKE RD., MINNEOLA, FL 34715

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EIN#: 93-4071708

Horizon City Church Inc., Minneola, Florida, (the "Church") is currently in good standing as a cooperating church with the Florida Baptist State Convention. As such, according to the attached Group Exemption Letter dated August 11, 1969, the Church is eligible to come under the 501(c)(3) group tax exemption letter granted to the Florida Baptist State Convention by the Internal Revenue Service (Group Exemption #2024.)

The Church's eligibility to take advantage of the group exemption is based solely on the determination of the Internal Revenue Service after reviewing the polity and protocols of the Convention. Such determination of eligibility by the IRS does not impact in any way the long-standing tenets of Baptist polity and local church autonomy. Thus, the IRS' determination of eligibility does not negate or otherwise impact the independence or autonomy of the Church.

This letter accurately reflects the relationship between the Convention and the Church for the year **2024**. The Church is responsible to preserve and maintain its status of cooperating with the Convention on an annual basis and, thus, its eligibility to avail itself of the group exemption.

Sincerely,

Stephens Baumgardner, Jr. Assistant Executive Director

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**Director Support Services**