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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
For use by Ecclesiastical Corporations**

(Please read information and instructions on the last page)

We, the undersigned, desiring to become incorporated under the provisions of Act No. 327, P.A. of 1931, do hereby make, execute and adopt the following articles of association, to-wit:

FIRST

The name assumed by this corporation and by which it shall be known in law, is:

SECOND

1. The location of said church or society shall be in the city (or village) of:

_____ county of _____, and
State of Michigan.

2. The address of the registered office is:

_____, Michigan _____
(Street Address) (City) (Zip Code)

3. The mailing address of the registered office if different than above is:

_____, Michigan _____
(Street Address or P.O. Box) (City) (Zip Code)

4. The name of the resident agent at the registered office is: _____

THIRD

The time for which the corporation shall be created shall be perpetual. (If term is for a fixed number of years, then state the number of years instead of perpetual.)

FOURTH

The members of the church or society shall worship and labor together according to the discipline, rules and usages of the _____ church in the United States of America (or other jurisdiction as the case may be), as from time to time authorized and declared by the _____
(Here insert the name of the higher ecclesiastical body or bodies, if any, authorized to determine such question)

FIFTH (Insert any desired additional provision authorized by the Act; attach additional pages if needed.)

In witness whereof, we, the parties hereby associating, for the purpose of giving legal effect to these articles hereunto sign our names and places of residence:

Done at the city (or village) of _____, county of _____ and State of Michigan, this _____ day of _____.

This document requires at least three notarized signatures

(Signatures)	(No.)	(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)

State of _____ }
County of _____ } ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____, by _____
(NOTARY MUST LIST NAMES OF ALL PERSONS SIGNING)

(Signature of Notary)

(Type or Print Name of Notary)

Notary Public for _____ County,
State of _____.

(Notary Seal)

My commission expires _____

Name of person or organization
remitting fees:

Preparer's name and business
telephone number:

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Articles of Incorporation cannot be filed until this form, or a comparable document, is submitted.
2. Submit one original of this document. Upon filing, the document will be added to the records of the Bureau of Commercial Services. The original will be returned to your registered office address, unless you enter a different address in the box on the front of this document.

 Since this document will be maintained on electronic format, it is important that the filing be legible. Documents with poor black and white contrast, or otherwise illegible, will be rejected.
3. This document is to be used pursuant to sections 178 through 185 of Act 327, P.A. of 1931, by three or more persons desiring to form a church corporation for the purpose of teaching and spreading of religious beliefs and principles. The provisions of Act 162, Public Acts of 1982 are also applicable unless otherwise provided in, or inconsistent with, Act 327.
4. Article Second - A post office box may not be designated as the street address of the registered office.
5. Article Fourth - If it is an independent church, or if there is no higher ecclesiastical body, insert the word "none".
6. This document is effective on the date endorsed "filed" by the Bureau. A later effective date, no more than 90 days after the date of delivery, may be stated as an additional article.
7. The Act requires that this document be signed in ink, before a notary, by three or more persons. The addresses of the signers should be complete, including street number and name, city, state and ZIP code.
8. **FEES:** Make remittance payable to the State of Michigan. Include corporation name on check or money order.

Filing Fee	\$10.00
Franchise Fee	\$10.00
Total Fees	\$20.00

To submit by mail:
 Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services
 Bureau of Commercial Services
 Corporation Division
 7150 Harris Drive
 P.O. Box 30054
 Lansing, MI 48909

To submit in person:
 6546 Mercantile Way
 Lansing, MI
 Telephone: (517) 241-6400

Fees may be paid by VISA or Mastercard when delivered in person to our office.

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 First time users: Call (517) 241-6420, or visit our website at <http://www.cis.state.mi.us/bcs/corp/>
 Customer with MICH-ELF Filer Account: Send document to (517) 241-9845.