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

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*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 name of the resident agent at the registered office is:  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. The address of its registered office in Michigan is:  
\_\_\_\_\_, Michigan \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (ZIP Code)
4. The mailing address of the registered office in Michigan if different than above:  
\_\_\_\_\_, Michigan \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address or P.O. Box) (City) (ZIP Code)

**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 American (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 provisions authorized by the Act; attach additional pages if needed.)

\_\_\_\_\_

In witness whereof, the parties hereby associating, for the purposes 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)

Notary Public for \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
State of \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

(Notary Seal)

Preparer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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### INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form may be used to draft your Articles of Incorporation. A document required or permitted to be filed under the act cannot be filed unless it contains the minimum information required by the act. The format provided contains only the minimal information required to make the document fileable and may not meet your needs. This is a legal document and agency staff cannot provide legal advice.
2. Submit one original of this document. Upon filing, the document will be added to the records of the Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau. 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 the provisions of 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.
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 and identification number on check or money order.

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

Submit with check or money order by mail:

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs  
 Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau  
 Corporations Division  
 P.O. Box 30054  
 Lansing, MI 48909

To submit in person:

2501 Woodlake Circle  
 Okemos, MI  
 Telephone: (517) 241-6470

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

MICH-ELF (Michigan Electronic Filing System):

First Time Users: Call (517) 241-6470, or visit our website at <http://www.michigan.gov/corporations>  
 Customer with MICH-ELF Filer Account: Send document to (517) 636-6437

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**24-hour service - \$100 for any document concerning an existing entity.**

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- **Same day - \$200 for any document concerning an existing entity.**

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- **One hour - \$1000**

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