

Incorporation of the Local Church - Sample Charge Conference Resolutions

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of certain members of this local church that the Charge Conference elect to direct the Board of Trustees to incorporate said church under the laws of the State of _____ and the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, such members further desire said incorporation to be for and in accordance with the purposes set forth in the United Methodist *Discipline*; and in such manner as will fully protect and exempt from any and all legal liability the individual officers and members, jointly and severally, of the local church, and the Charge, Annual, Jurisdictional, and General Conferences of The United Methodist Church and each of them, for an on account of the debts and other obligations of every kind and description of the local church; and

WHEREAS, this meeting of the Charge Conference is called to consider the said recommendation to incorporate the local church as hereinbefore stated; and

WHEREAS, said members of the Charge Conference have been duly notified of the special meeting of the Charge Conference of this said association and the purpose thereof, which meeting has been duly authorized to be held and called in accordance with the United Methodist *Discipline*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of the Charge Conference of _____ (**church name and state**), an unincorporated association, duly called and convened, do hereby authorize and direct the incorporation of said association as (**church name and state**), a(n) _____ (**state**) nonprofit religious corporation (or not for profit corporation), in accordance with the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church and for the purposes as set forth in said *Discipline*, and do further authorize and direct the Board of Trustees of this association to forthwith cause proper Articles of Incorporation, containing therein the requirements and necessary provisions of the United Methodist *Discipline*, to be prepared, executed, and transmitted forthwith to the Office of the Secretary of the State of _____ for filing therein, and that the expense of said incorporation be paid from the General Treasury of said association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following persons be, and they are hereby designated as the original trustees of said new nonprofit corporation:

[as many lines as Trustees designated, but not fewer than three (3) members nor more than nine (9) - Paragraph 2524 of *The Book of Discipline*, 2000]

RESOLVED FURTHER, that said Board of Trustees be further authorized to do and perform any and all acts necessary to carry this resolution into full force and effect.

(Date of Meeting)

(Place of Meeting)

VOTE:

Approved ___ Defeated ___

CERTIFICATION
(if required)

The undersigned, Secretary of the Charge Conference of _____ Church, an unincorporated association, do hereby certify that the following action was duly taken by said Charge Conference on the ____ day of _____, 20_____, and that the same is in full force and effect.

Secretary
Charge Conference