

**SAMPLE**  
**Articles Of Incorporation**  
**OF**

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The undersigned, all of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a corporation, not for profit, under \_\_\_\_\_ (state authority or statute), do hereby certify:

**FIRST:** The name of said corporation shall be

\_\_\_\_\_

**SECOND:** The place where the principal office of the corporation is to be located is \_\_\_\_\_

(City, County, and State)

**THIRD:** The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is formed are as more fully set forth in the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church or as may hereafter, from time to time, be amended including:

(a) The promotion of the Christian religion through the preaching of the Word of God, the administration of the sacraments, ordinances, and other means of grace, the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers, the evangelization of the world, and the promotion of the missionary and benevolence causes.

(b) The promotion of the Christian religion through the preaching of the Word of God, the administration of the sacraments, ordinances, and other means of grace, the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers, the evangelization of the world, and the promotion of the missionary and benevolence causes.

(c) Receiving, holding, and disbursing gifts, bequests, and funds arising from all sources.

(c) Acquiring, owning, and maintaining real estate, buildings, and other property real or personal, incidental, necessary, or proper to carry out said objects.

(d) Doing of any and all things necessary or incident to the accomplishment of such purposes.

(e) All of the above shall be in accordance with the Doctrines, Laws, Usages, *Discipline*, and Ministerial appointments of The United Methodist Church.

**FOURTH:** The following persons shall serve as the initial trustees of said corporation and shall serve as provided in the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church:

NAME	ADDRESS
_____	_____
_____	_____
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**[Note: Not less than three (3), nor more than nine (9)]**

**FIFTH:** Upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation of \_\_\_\_\_, the society or association now known as \_\_\_\_\_, a corporation not for profit, and the members of such society or association shall be members of such corporation, and all the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, franchises, authority, property, and obligations of such unincorporated society or association shall thereupon pass to, vest in, and be the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, franchises, authority, property, and obligations of \_\_\_\_\_, a corporation not for profit.

**SIXTH:** The corporation shall support the Doctrine of The United Methodist Church and all its property, both real and personal, shall be subject to the *Discipline*, Laws, Usages, and Ministerial appointments of The United Methodist Church as are now or shall be, from time to time, established, made, and declared by the lawful authority of the said church.

**SEVENTH:** The corporation, in conformity with the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church, shall have the power to receive, acquire, and hold title, in trust or otherwise, to real and personal property, and to improve, encumber, lease, sell, convey, and dispose of all such property.

**EIGHTH:** Subject to the provisions of the *Discipline*, the corporation shall have the power to erect and maintain buildings for the worship of God, for training in Christian faith and conduct, and for Christian social intercourse, and to purchase, lease, and/or rent and otherwise acquire or build and maintain residences for the use and occupancy of its ministers.

**NINTH:** The business of this corporation shall be conducted in conformity with the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church as the same now exists or as may hereafter be amended, changed, or modified, and the bylaws of the corporation shall include the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church and no bylaws shall be adopted inconsistent with the provisions of said *Discipline*.

In addition to the powers and duties granted to this corporation by the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church, the corporation assumes for itself all the rights, powers, and privileges and immunities which are now, and which may be during the existence thereof be

