



INCORPORATION

of a Tennessee

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Charter Forms

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Office of Administrative Services
Tennessee Conference,
The United Methodist Church
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State of Tennessee



Department of State

Corporate Filings
312 Eighth Avenue North
6th Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tower
Nashville, TN 37243

CHARTER
(Nonprofit Corporation)

For Office Use Only

The undersigned acting as incorporator(s) of a nonprofit corporation under the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

1. The name of the corporation is:

2. Please complete all of the following sentences by checking one of the two boxes in each sentence:

This corporation is a public benefit corporation / mutual benefit corporation.

This corporation is a religious corporation / not a religious corporation.

This corporation will have members / not have members.

3. The name and complete address of the corporation's initial registered agent and office in Tennessee is:

Name Street Address City State, Zip Code County

4. List the name and complete address of each incorporator:

Name (Include Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code)

Name (Include Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code)

Name (Include Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code)

5. The complete address of the corporation's principal office is:

Street Address City State/Country Zip Code

6. The corporation is not for profit.

7. If the document is not to be effective upon filing by the Secretary of State, the delayed effective date and time are:

Date, Time (Not to exceed 90 days.)

8. Insert here the provisions regarding the distribution of assets upon dissolution:

9. Other provisions:

Signature Date

Incorporator's Signature

Incorporator's Name (typed or printed)

ATTACHMENT TO FORM SS-4418 CHARTER

(Name of United Methodist Church Corporation)

A Tennessee Nonprofit, Public Benefit, Religious Corporation

8. **Distribution of Assets upon Dissolution.** This corporation shall exist in perpetuity. If for any reason the corporation shall be abandoned, discontinued, or cease to exist as a legal entity and its charter shall expire or be terminated, the title to all its property both real and personal shall be vested in and be the property of the Tennessee Conference, United Methodist Church, Inc., pursuant to the *Discipline*, provided it is then an organization qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States; and if not, to any other organization, designated by such Annual Conference, which is then qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

9-1. **Members.** Upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation, the professing members of the former unincorporated local United Methodist Church shall be members of such corporation. Only those members of the Corporation who are members of the Charge Conference, as defined in *The Discipline of the United Methodist Church* (hereinafter, the *Discipline*), are entitled to vote at a meeting of the members; *provided, however* if the District Superintendent convenes a Charge Conference as a Church Conference, all members of the Corporation present shall be entitled to vote.

9-2. **Purpose.** The church of Jesus Christ exists in and for the world. The function of this local church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is to help people to accept and confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to live their daily lives in light of their relationship with God. Under the discipline of the Holy Spirit, the church exists for the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers, and the redemption of the world. *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, ¶¶ 201-202 (2008).

This corporation is organized as a local United Methodist Church exclusively for religious purposes, supports the doctrine of The United Methodist Church, and declares itself and all of its property subject to the law, usages and ministerial appointments of The United Methodist Church.

9-3. **Powers.** The business of this corporation shall be conducted in conformity with the *Discipline* as the same now exists or as may hereafter be amended, changed, or modified, and the bylaws of the corporation shall include the *Discipline* and no bylaws shall be adopted inconsistent with the provisions of the *Discipline*.

In addition to the powers and duties granted to this corporation by the *Discipline*, 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 conferred by law upon a corporation with a similar character, provided the same are not inconsistent with the *Discipline*. All amendments, bylaws, and

regulations of this corporation shall at all times be in conformity with the *Discipline*. But notwithstanding the above, however, at no time shall any of the amendments, bylaws, or regulations of the corporation be prohibited by or in conflict with the nonprofit corporate laws of the State of Tennessee.

9-4. **Nonprofit operation.** The Corporation is to be operated exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth above. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of its charter, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.