



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
Office of the Secretary of State

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**Non-Profit Corporation  
Articles of Incorporation**

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is West End Community Church

**ARTICLE II**

The period of its duration is  Perpetual

**ARTICLE III**

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

Religious, Charitable, Social, Educational

**ARTICLE IV**

Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

MEMBERSHIP

THE CORPORATION SHALL HAVE ONE CLASS OF MEMBERS.

LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS

(A) IN ALL EVENTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES, AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANY MERGER, CONSOLIDATION, REORGANIZATION, TERMINATION, DISSOLUTION, OR WINDING UP OF THE CORPORATION, VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, OR AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

I. THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT HAVE OR EXERCISE ANY POWER OR AUTHORITY EXPRESSLY, BY INTERPRETATION, OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, NOR SHALL IT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITY, WHICH WOULD PREVENT IT FROM QUALIFYING (AND CONTINUING TO QUALIFY) AS A CORPORATION EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501 (C) (3) OR AS A CORPORATION CONTRIBUTIONS TO WHICH ARE DEDUCTIBLE FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES UNDER SECTION 170 (C) (2) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 OR CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS OF FUTURE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE LAWS.

II. NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL INURE TO THE

BENEFIT OF, OR BE DISTRIBUTED TO, ITS MEMBERS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS OR OTHER PRIVATE PERSONS, EXCEPT THAT THE CORPORATION MAY PAY REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND MAKE PAYMENTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES SET FORTH ABOVE TO ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER 501 (C) (3).

III. NO SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION SHALL CONSIST OF CARRYING ON PROPAGANDA OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION; NOR SHALL THE CORPORATION IN ANY MANNER OR TO ANY EXTENT PARTICIPATE IN OR INTERVENE IN (INCLUDING THE PUBLISHING OR DISTRIBUTING OF STATEMENTS) ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

B. UPON DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL, AFTER PAYING OR MAKING PROVISIONS FOR PAYMENT OF ALL LIABILITIES OF THE CORPORATION, DISTRIBUTE ALL ASSETS OF THE CORPORATION JOINTLY TO CONVERGE NORTHEAST AND THE NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION OR THEIR SUCCESSORS; OR IF ONE OF THESE CORPORATIONS IS NOT IN EXISTENCE AT THAT TIME OF DISSOLUTION, TO WHICHEVER OF THESE CORPORATIONS OR ITS SUCCESSOR SURVIVES THE OTHER CORPORATION. IF NEITHER OF THESE ENTITIES EXIST AND THERE IS NO SUCCESSOR TO EITHER CORPORATION THEN THE DISTRIBUTION OF ALL ASSETS SHALL BE TO SUCH ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL, OR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES AS SHALL AT THE TIME QUALIFY AS AN ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 501 (C) (3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 OR THE CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS OF FUTURE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE LAWS.

#### ARTICLE V

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: 93 STANWOOD STREET  
City or Town: PROVIDENCE State: RI Zip: 02907

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is JOHN M. AMES

#### ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 3 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	JOHN MICHAEL AMES	521 LEXINGTON STREET WALTHAM, MA 02452 USA
DIRECTOR	BRENT ALLEN	56 WILLIAMSBURG DRIVE SOUTHINGTON, CT 06489 USA
DIRECTOR	SOLOMON PILLAY	50 KNOLLCREST ROAD NORWICH, CT 06360 USA

#### ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Individual Name</b> First, Middle, Last, Suffix	<b>Address</b> Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	JOHN MICHAEL AMES	521 LEXINGTON STREET WALTHAM, MA 02452 USA
INCORPORATOR	BRENT ALLEN	56 WILLIAMSBURG DRIVE SOUTHINGTON, CT 06489 USA
INCORPORATOR	SOLOMON PILLAY	50 KNOLLCREST ROAD NORWICH, CT 06360 USA

#### ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 05/07/2015

(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

**Signed this 7 Day of May, 2015 at 8:49:03 PM by the incorporator(s).** *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

**Enter signature(s) below.**

JOHN M. AMES

BRENT ALLEN

SOLOMON PILLAY

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**Nellie M. Gorbea**, *Secretary of State*

I, NELLIE M. GORBEA, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations, hereby certify that this document, duly executed in  
accordance with the provisions of Title 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as  
amended, has been filed in this office on this day:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nellie M. Gorbea". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Nellie M. Gorbea  
*Secretary of State*

