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NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
TO THE
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF

The Apostolic Pentecostal Church of R.I.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-6-40 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended, the undersigned corporation adopts the following Articles of Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is The Apostolic Pentecostal Church of R.I.

SECOND: The following amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was adopted by the corporation:

(Insert Amendment)

The fourth Article should read: under note 1.
Officers: See Article 111. Property: See Article 1V.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

PREAMBLE

In Order to further the work of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the earth, we the members of The Apostolic Pentecostal Church of R.I. affirm our belief that God's people should be scrupulously set in order, and that it is needfull for them to be efficiently organized to successfully carry on God's work and properly handle their business affairs.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this local assembly, as a Body Corporate shall be exclusively spiritual and charitable in nature, namely to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ without charge and to establish and found believers in God's Word.

ARTICLE I, - THE ASSEMBLY

1. To unite a people of like faith in the bonds of brotherly love and fellowship. (I Cor. 1:10, Phil. 2:i,2)
2. To meet together to truly worship God in spirit and in truth, and to receive spiritual instruction. (Heb. 10:24,25 John 4:24)
3. To publish the Gospel of Jesus Christ at home and abroad. (Acts 1:8, Mark 16:5)
4. To provide rules of conduct for Christians based upon the word of God. (Titus 2)

ARTICLE II - THE MEMBERSHIP

Section I. Requirements for Fellowship.

Anyone believing in and obeying the Apostle's doctrine as set forth below is eligible to become a member of the fellowship:

- A. Faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (I Cor. 15:1-4)
- B. Repentance from sins (Acts 2:38, Luke 13:3)
- C. Water baptism by immersion in the Name of Jesus Christ (John 3:5, Acts 2:38, Acts 8:36,37, Acts 19:1-6).
- D. Obedience to Church Leadership (Heb. 13:17, Eph. 4:11-15)
- E. A Spirit willing to Grow in Holyness and Rightious Living. (2 Cor. 7:1, Heb. 12:14, I John 2:15-17)
- F. In the event one has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit prior to joining the fellowship, one must fulfill the other requirements of the fellowship.
- G. To support the work of God and his church with one's prayers. (I Tim. 2:1-4) and financial aid as God prospers (I Cor. 16:2)
- H. To honor the Lord with our substance and and the first fruits of our increase (Prov. 3:9,10) To honor those who labor in the ministry; and not to "muzzle the ox that treads the corn". (I Tim. 5:17,18, I Cor. 9:7-14).
- I. To avoid all ungodly pleasures and lust and the very appearance of evil. (I Thess. 5:22, I John 2:15-17)

Section II. Requirements for Membership in the Body of Jesus Christ. Anyone will be accepted into membership in the following manner:

One must be born again as the scripture declares. (John 3:3-8) (Acts 10:44-46) (Acts 2:1-4, Acts 2:38, Acts 19:1-6, I Cor. 12:13, Rom. 8:9)

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section 1. Names of Officers.

Elder or Elders...Pastors or Bishops. (Titus 1:5-7, I Peter 5:1-4).

Section 2. Eligibility.

A. The founding Elder or Elders: Appointed or sent by God. (Titus 1:5, Eph. 4:11). Recognized Ministry by other ministers of Apostolic oneness Faith, and proven by their congregation.

B. Other Officers: Must have been members in good standing at least one year, or having proper recommendations from former oneness organizations.

Section 3. Selection of Officers.

A. Founding Pastor: No Selection Required.

B. Elders: Must be ordained by God. (Gal: 1:1-11-12), and recognized by the Ministry. (Gal: 1:24-Gal: 2:9).

C. Deacons: Accepted by two third majority vote of membership and appointed by Eldership. (Acts: 16:1-3).

D. Other Officers: (To Include Trustees, Secretary, Treasurer, Youth Director, Sunday School Supt., Sunday School Teachers, and others as deemed necessary by Eldership. Recommended and appointed by Elders or Elder with a simple majority vote for ratification by membership.

Section 4. Terms and Removal of Officers.

A. Founding Elder or Elders. No set term of Office. However, the founding Elder of Elders must give the church a thirty day notification of resignation except for mutual agreement otherwise.

B. Removal of Elders: Elders can be removed from office only if life style is inconsistent with new testament scripture and by agreement of other Elders in said organization. Also a three quarter membership vote of the local assembly is necessary to remove an Elder from office (I Cor. 14:32, I Tim. 3:19).

C. Deacons: No set term of office. Deacons can only be removed by Elders.

D. Other Officers; 1. Trustees - Term of two years. Trustee can be removed from office by Elders;

2. Secretary, Treasurer - Term of two years with removal same as trustees.

3. Other Officers - Term of one year with removal same as Trustee, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 5. Reinstating A New Pastor.

A. The membership of the assembly shall select one Elder and two members of the church to obtain letters or recommendation from the district chairman, superintendant, as provided for in Section 2. If there is no Elder, then a Deacon will be used along with the two members. This group will be known as the Pastoral Recommendation Committee, and shall be dissolved once a Pastor has been elected by the membership. The P.R.C. must first make an offer to the organization to which the previous Pastor belonged, which shall have 30 days to provide Recommendations. Other oneness organizations or independent oneness groups may receive offers to provide pastoral recommendations at the expiration of the 30 day first offer period. The P.R.C. will arrange a special service or services for the recommended minister to present himself and his desires to the membership. Three fourths of the voting membership must be in attendance for the Service to be valid, and a two third vote of the Total membership is required for acceptance.

Section 6. Duties of Officers.

- A. Pastor: The Duties of a Pastor shall be:
1. To preach and teach the word of God.
 2. To visit and pray for the sick.'
 3. To encourage the weak.
 4. To reprove and warn the unruly (I Thess. 5:14, II Tim 4:1,2)
 5. To give advice as needed.
 6. To have the oversight of all interest of the church and of all departments of its work, both spiritual and temporal not as Lord's over God's heritage, but as examples and feeders of the flock of God, not by constraint but willingly; not for filthy wealth, out of a ready mind. (I Peter 5:2,3)
 7. Preside over all business meetings of the church.
- B. Deacons: The Duties of the Deacons shall be:
1. To care for the temporal facilities, equipment, and property of the church as delegated by the Elder or Elders.
 2. To care for the administration of charities to the widows and orphans. (Acts 6)
 3. To perform other duties as assigned by elders.
- C. Trustees: The duties of the trustees shall be to hold all property in trust for the assembly, fulfilling all legal requirements for the transaction of business in regard to property.
- D. Other Officers: The duties of other officers shall be to perform willingly according to the direction and guidance of the pastor any function so delegated.

ARTICLE IV PROPERTY

- A. If at any time the assembly should buy property, the Elder or Elders and Trustees shall examine the property and look after the business matters concerning such purchases. The findings shall then be presented to the assembly. The title of all properties and assets shall be in the name of the assembly corporate, to include worship facilities, school facilities, parsonage, and any other buildings bought for the use of the church; also including church busses or vehicles bought with church funds.
- B. The assembly shall be incorporated according to the laws of the State of Rhode Island for the purpose of becoming a legal entity whose assets and liabilities shall be those of the assembly, not pertaining to any individual member of the church assembly.
- C. Dissolution: All the property of this local church is irrevocably dedicated to religious and charitable purposes, and upon liquidation, dissolution or abandonment, after all financial liabilities have been paid in full, all the assets shall be distributed to an organization, foundation, or fund, or organized and operated exclusively for religious and charitable purposes.

ARTICLE V - BUSINESS MEETINGS

Section 1. Call of Meeting.

A business meeting of the church must be announced publicly in at least three services, the first announcement being at least 10 days previous to the meeting date.

Section 2. Voting.

Except for previously stated voting requirements (I.E. OFFICERS) all business requiring membership voting will be decided by majority vote.

Section 3. Age Requirement.

The minimum age of a member voting in the assembly business meeting shall be 16 years of age.