

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

ORIGINAL ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation under Chapter 7-6 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is *The APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL Church of R.I.*

SECOND: The period of its duration is (if perpetual, so state) *PERPETUAL*

THIRD: The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:
See Articles of Incorporation first page - Preamble + Purpose

FOURTH: Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation, including provisions for the distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation, are:

(Note 1) *See Article IV property*
Duties of Officers - " " III Section 5

FIFTH: The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is *56 MAILLOUX ST. WOOD R.I. 02895* and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is *Elder Denis C. Boudreau*

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

PREAMBLE

In order to further the work of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the earth, we the members of the _____ 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. 2:1,2)
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 16:15)
4. To provide rules of conduct for Christians based upon the word of God. (Titus 2)

ARTICLE II - THE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. 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, 1 John 2:15-17)

Section 2. Requirements for Membership in the Body of Jesus

Christ. Anyone will be accepted into membership in the following manner:

- A. One must be born again as the scripture declairs. (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)

- B. In the event one has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit prior to wanting membership, one must fulfill the other requirements of membership of Section 2 above.
- C. 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)
- D. To honor the Lord with our substance 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).
- E. To avoid all ungodly pleasures and lust and the very appearance of evil. (I Thess. 5:22, I John 2:15-17)
- F. To Secure, in case of moving, a letter of membership from the former church, and unite with another church of like precious faith.

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 Elder: No Selection Required.
- B. 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. A. If there is no Elder, then a Deacon will be used along with the two member. 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.
- C. The Support of the founding Pastor (Elder) or Pastors (Elders) shall be the responsibility of the membership. (I Cor. 9:7-14, Heb. 7:1-10).

- D. Elders: Must be ordained by God and recognized by the ministry.
- E. Deacons: Accepted by two third majority vote of membership and appointed by Eldership. (Acts 16:1-3)
- F. 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. 5:19)
- 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; if deemed necessary, with the membership having veto power over removal by simple majority vote.
 - 2. Secretary, Treasurer - Term of two years with removal same as trustees.
 - 3. Other Officers - Term of one year with removal same as trustees and Secretary, treasurer.

Section 5. 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

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.

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.

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.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION- Continued

SIXTH: The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is³....., and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Name	Address
Elder Denis C. Boudreau	56 Mailloux St. Woon. R.I.
Elder Robert C. Perry	140 Valley St. Woon. R.I.
Elder Jarric	
Elder Kenneth R. Jarric	442 Providence St. Woon. R.I.

SEVENTH: The name and address of each incorporator is:

Name	Address
Elder Denis C. Boudreau	56 Mailloux St. Woon. R.I.
Elder Robert C. Perry	140 Valley St. Woon. R.I.
Elder Kenneth R. Jarric	442 Providence St. Woon. R.I.

Dated, 19....

..... Denis C. Boudreau
 Robert C. Perry
 Kenneth R. Jarric
 (Incorporator(s))

State of Rhode Island }
 County of } In the City of Woonsocket
 Town }

In said county this 25TH day of SEPTEMBER, A.D. 19 84
 then personally appeared before me D. Paul J. [Signature]

each and all known to me and known by me to be the parties executing the foregoing instrument, and they severally acknowledged said instrument by them subscribed to be their free act and deed.

..... [Signature]
 Notary Public

Note 1. If no provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation or for the distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation are to be set forth, insert "None." In an appropriate case provisions relating to members, their qualifications and rights (Section 7-6-20) may be inserted here.

EASTERN GATE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
WOONSOCKET, R.I.

PREAMBLE

*ASSEMBLY OF THE
LORD JESUS CHRIST*

In order to establish our work on a more efficient and [↑]permenant basis, we, the members of the EASTERN GATE ~~PENTECOSTAL CHURCH~~ assembly at Woonsocket, Rhode Island, affirm our belief that God's people should be scrupulously set in order, and that it is needful for them to be efficiently organized to successfully carry on the gospel work and properly handle their business affairs.

PURPOSE

A house divided against itself cannot stand. The main purpose of this constitution is to provide rules to govern the assembly, according to the scriptures, so that we may advance in the will of God. (Titus 1:5)

ARTICLE I - THE ASSEMBLY

Section 1. The Name.

1. The name of this assembly shall be known as the EASTERN GATE ~~PENTECOSTAL CHURCH~~. *ASSEMBLY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST*
2. Ezekial 43: 1-5

Section 2. The Purpose.

1. To establish and maintain a place of worship.
2. To unite a people of like faith in the bonds of brotherly love and fellowship. (Heb. 13:1)
3. To meet together to truly worship God in Spirit and in truth, and to receive spiritual teaching and preaching. (Jn 4:24; Eph. 4:11-15)
4. To publish the gospel of Jesus Christ at home and abroad according to the scriptures. (Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15)
5. To provide rules of conduct for Christians based upon the word of God. (Titus 2)

ARTICLE II - THE MEMBERSHIP

Since there is a difference between membership in the body of Christ and fellowship of the believers, the following sections are so outlined. Only those who are in membership may vote on matters of selection of officers, but those in fellowship may vote on other business matters, except in matters deemed prohibitive by officers that are of a spiritual nature.

Section 1. Requirements for Fellowship: Anyone believing in and obeying the Apostle's Doctrine as set forth below is considered in fellowship with this assembly:

1. Faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ (I Cor. 15:1 - 4)
2. Repentance from sins. (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3)
3. Water baptism by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ. (John 3:5; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:36-37; Acts 19:1-6)
4. Obedience to church leadership (Heb. 13:17; Eph. 4:11-15)
5. A spirit of holiness and conduct of holy living. (2 Cor. 7:1 ; Heb. 12:14)

ASSEMBLY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Eastern Gate ~~Pentecostal Church~~ - Article II Continued:

Section 2. Requirements for Membership

Anyone in fellowship with this assembly may be accepted into membership in the following manner, and is therefore considered a member of the body of Christ:

1. One will be filled with God's Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. (Acts 2:1-4; Acts 2:38; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 19:1-6; I Cor. 12:13; Romans 8:9)
2. In the event one has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit prior to wanting membership, one must fulfill the other requirements of Section 1 above. (Acts 10:48)

Section 3. Obligations.

As a member of fellow of the assembly, each one must accept the following obligations:

1. To cleanse oneself from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (II Cor. 7:1)
2. To forsake not the assembling with one another. (Heb. 10:25)
3. To support the work of the assembly with one's prayers and financial aid as God prospers. (I Cor. 16:2)
4. To honour the Lord with their substance and the firstfruits of their increase; to honour those who labor in the ministry; and to not "muzzle the ox that treads the corn". (Prov. 3:9-10; I Tim. 5:17-18; and I Cor. 9:7-14)
5. To maintain family and secret devotions. (Matt. 26:41)
6. To avoid all ungodly and worldly pleasures and lust and the very appearance of evil. (I Thess. 5:22; I John 2:15-17)
7. To secure, in case of moving, a letter of membership from the former church, and unite with another church of like faith.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section 1. Names of Officers.

The officers of the church shall be as follows: a pastor, five trustees, when property is owned, a secretary, treasurer, deacons (no more than seven), and elders, (as called by God and ordained by the pastor), and other officers as the Pastor deems necessary.

Section 2. Eligibility.

1. The founding Pastor: Called and sent by God.
2. Pastor: Must have a recommendation from the District Chairman or Superintendant and two other ministers of any Apostolic Oneness organization wishing to provide a pastor for the assembly in the event of a vacancy. There may be independent ministers considered upon the consideration of three letters of recommendation by oneness ministers. Any pastor considered must be eligible for membership.
3. Other officers: Must have been members in good standing at least one year, except in the case of the newly organized assembly.

Assembly of The Lord Jesus Christ
Eastern Gate Pentecostal Church - Article III Continued:

Section 3. Selection of Officers.

1. Founding Pastor: No selection required.
2. Pastor: The membership of the assembly shall select one elder and two members of the church to obtain letters of recommendation from the District Chairman, Superintendant, or independent, as provided for in Section 2 (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 RECEIVING COMMITTEE, and shall be dissolved once a pastor has been elected by the membership. The P.R.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 recommendation at the expiration of the 30 day first offer period.

The P.R.R.C. will arrange a special service or services for the recommended minister(s) to present himself and his burden to the membership.

Three fourths (3/4) of the VOTING membership must be in attendance for the service to be valid, and a 2/3 vote of the total membership is required for acceptance. The total membership list must be established prior to the special service and will include only those who meet the qualifications for membership of Article II, Section 2.

The support of the pastor shall be the responsibility of the assembly in accordance with the scriptures. (I Cor. 9:7-14; Heb. 7:1-10)

3. Elders: Must be selected and ordained by the pastor on the basis of a demonstrated call from God.
4. Deacons: Recommended by 2/3 majority vote of the membership and appointed by the Pastor. (Acts 6:1-3).
5. Other officers: To include trustees, Secretary-Treasurer, Youth Director, Sunday School Supt., Sunday School Teachers, etc, as deemed necessary by Pastor; To be recommended by the Pastor and ratified by a simple majority vote of the membership.

Section 4. Terms and Removal of Officers:

1. Founding Pastor: No set term of office. The founding Pastor must give the church a 30 day notification of resignation except for mutual agreement otherwise. He can only be removed from office by mutual agreement or by proof of immorality which shall be established by written testimony over the signatures of two witnesses. (I Tim. 5:19)
2. Pastor: Same as above.
3. Elders: No set term of office, but can be removed from any duties in the local assembly by the Pastor *and Elders*
4. Deacons: No set term of office, but can be removed from any duties in the local assembly by the Pastor.

ARTICLE IV - PROPERTY

If at anytime the assembly should buy property, the pastor and trustees shall examine the property and look after business matters concerning such purchase. The findings shall then be presented to the assembly.

The title of all properties shall be in the name of the assembly, to include worship facilities, school facilities, parsonage, and other buildings bought for the use of the assembly; also including church buses or other vehicles; and also including furnishings such as pews, pulpits, etc.

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, and shall operate wholly as a Not for Profit entity in which there shall be no profit to enure to any of its members.

ARTICLE V - BUSINESS MEETINGS

Section 1. Call of Meetings.

A business meeting of the church must be announced publicly in at least three services, the first announcement being ten 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 a business meeting shall be 16 years of age.

Section 4. Annual Business Meeting.

There shall be an annual business meeting one (1) each year on or about October 1st for the purpose of conducting business. The meeting shall be held at the church or facility being used in its regular course of worship.

Assembly of the Lord Jesus Christ
The EASTERN GATE ~~PENTECOSTAL CHURCH~~ assembly of Woonsocket, R.I., and community has met this day in a duly called business meeting with a quorum of members present and caused to be adopted the foregoing form of Local Church Government with the following vote:

FOR: 19 AGAINST: 0

11/11/80
(DATE)
Janell Davis
MEMBER

Rev. Victor Deo Davis
PASTOR
Cathy S. Veizina
SECRETARY