

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

March 10 1980

WE, the undersigned Officers of

The Local Church in Providence  
a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Rhode Island,  
HEREBY CERTIFY, that at a legal meeting of said corporation, duly called for the purpose,  
and held in the City of Providence  
in said State, on the 10th day of March, A. D. 1980,  
the following amendment(s) to the Articles of Association was (or were) duly adopted by  
the affirmative vote of one hundred percent of its members viz:—

“VOTED, That the purposes for which the Corporation is formed shall be the following:

To operate a Church exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Chapter 7-6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, and within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as in force on the effective date of this Amendment to the Articles of Organization, or as said Section 501 (C) (3) may be subsequently amended from time to time, and particularly to honor and celebrate Christianity by having, operating and conducting a Church which will spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and edify the Christian believers through its activities, including, but not limited to, prayer, worship, study, meetings, conferences and the like services, and its by-products, including but not limited to books, publications, tracts, sermons and the like matter; to function as a church, which church will be filled with treasures of Christian history as well as its future premises and inspirational lessons and, thereby, carried into all the homes and all the hopes of Christian believers; and to cooperate with other churches, organizations and/or bodies formed or operated for purposes similar or related to those of this corporation, or in the hopes of achieving any or all of the purposes of this corporation.

In furtherance of the religious purpose for which this corporation is incorporated, the corporation shall have the power:

- a. To accept by gift, devise, bequest, grant or otherwise, property of every kind or description, without limit as to amount;
- b. To purchase, take on lease or otherwise acquire, hold, invest, reinvest, use, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of both real and personal property of every kind, nature and description and every interest in any property; and to exercise in respect to any and all property any and all rights and privileges of ownership in such manner as, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, will best promote the objectives of the corporation;
- c. To have officers and to promote and carry out its objectives and purposes and to exercise its powers within and without the State of Rhode Island;
- d. To enter into, make perform and carry out any contracts or

[CORPORATE SEAL]

(Continued on attached sheets)

ATTEST:

*James L. Lee*  
James L. Lee  
*Lawrence P. Bergeron*  
Lawrence P. Bergeron

President.

Secretary.

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**ORIGINAL**

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF  
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF

The Local Church in Providence

Duly Incorporated Under the Laws of  
the State of Rhode Island.

Mail Duplicate to

Robert J. Barker II  
Suite 404  
7 Water Street  
Boston, MA. 02109

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agreements for any purposes or objectives herein set forth without limit as to amount, with any individual, firm, association, foundation, corporation or entity;

e. To do everything and anything reasonably and lawfully necessary, suitable, proper or convenient for the achievement of the purposes above stated, and for any of them, or for the furtherance of said purposes.

Provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing, the corporation shall not engage in any act, transaction or event, which act, transaction or event, is prohibited under the laws of the United States of America, or under the laws of the State of Rhode Island.

And provided, further, and notwithstanding any merger, consolidation, reorganization, termination, dissolution, or winding up of this corporation, this corporation shall not have or exercise any power or authority either expressly, or by interpretation or by operation of law, nor shall it directly or indirectly engage in any activity, that would prevent this corporation from qualifying (and continuing to qualify) as a religious corporation exempt from Federal income tax as described in Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as in force on the date of this Amendment to the Articles of Organization or as hereafter amended, nor any activity which would prevent the corporation from qualifying as an organization to which contributions to are deductible under Section 170 (C)(2) of said code. In particular:

(a) No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; nor shall it 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; nor shall it engage in any transaction defined at the time as "prohibited" under Section 503 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

(b) This corporation shall never be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit. Neither the whole, nor any part or portion, of the assets or net earnings of this corporation shall be used, nor shall this corporation ever be organized or operated, for purposes that are not exclusively religious within the meaning of Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

(c) No compensation or payment shall ever be paid or made to any member, officer, director, trustee, creator or organizer of this corporation, or substantial contributor to it, except as a reasonable allowance or compensation for actual expenditures or services actually made or rendered to or for this corporation; and neither the whole nor any part or portion of the assets or net earnings, current or accumulated, of this corporation shall ever be distributed to or divided among any such person; provided, further, that neither the whole nor any part or portion of such assets or net earnings shall ever be used for, accrue to, or inure to the benefit of any member.

(d) The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(e) The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(f) The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(g) The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Voted further that upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after making provision for the payment or paying all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes as shall at the time of disposition qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) as the Board of Directors shall determine. The Board of Directors shall, in the first instance distribute such assets to any affiliated Church or Churches which are so exempt. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of upon petition to a Court of competent jurisdiction situated in the County in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such religious purposes.