

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

ORIGINAL ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

(NON-BUSINESS CORPORATION)

Know all Men by these Presents, That we Carol Hutchinson, Jean Nash,
Ridgway F. Shinn, Helen Hawksley and Rev. J. Gary Campbell

all of lawful age, hereby agree to and with each other:

FIRST. To associate ourselves together with the intention of forming a corporation under and by virtue of the powers conferred by Chapter 7-6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended.

SECOND. Said corporation shall be known by the name of Rhode Island
United Methodist Association

THIRD. Said corporation is constituted for the purpose of

(1) To promote and coordinate the work of the United Methodist Churches in Rhode Island within the framework of the United Methodist Discipline 1968, Par. 1327-1334 (and subsequent editions), with special concern for the urban problems of Rhode Island.

(2) To provide an organization whereby United Methodism may be effectively related to the ecumenical interests within the State and especially to the Rhode Island State Council of Churches.

(3) To provide an organization whereby the United Methodist Churches of the State may effectively relate to the District Program Council of the New England Southern Conference of the United Methodist Church or any successor to such Conference.

In addition to the foregoing, said corporation shall have the following powers and authority, viz:— (See §§ 7-6-7, 7-6-8 of the General Laws.)

To do any lawful act which is necessary or proper to accomplish the purposes of its incorporation. Without limiting or enlarging the effect of this general grant of authority, it is hereby specifically provided that every such corporation shall have power:

- (a) to have perpetual succession in its corporate name unless a period for its duration is limited in its articles of association or charter;
- (b) to sue and be sued in its corporate name;
- (c) to have and use a common seal and alter the same at pleasure;
- (d) to elect such officers and appoint such agents as its purposes require, and to fix their compensation and define their duties;
- (e) to make by-laws not inconsistent with the Constitution or laws of the United States or of this state, or with the corporation's charter or articles of association, determining the time and place of holding and the manner of calling and of conducting meetings of its members and directors, the manner of electing its officers and directors, the mode of voting by proxy, and the number, qualifications, powers, duties and term of office of its officers and directors, and containing any other provisions, whether of the same or of a different nature, for the management of the corporation's property and the regulation and government of its affairs;
- (f) to make contracts, incur liabilities and borrow money.

Said corporation shall be entitled to take, hold, transmit and convey real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding in all one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000); provided, however, that the foregoing limitation shall not apply to corporations organized for the purposes of fostering, encouraging and assisting the physical location, settlement or resettlement of industrial and manufacturing enterprises within the state, and to whose members no profit shall ensue. If any corporation subject to the foregoing limitation desires to take and hold property to an amount exceeding one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) either originally or by amendment, such privilege shall be granted only by the general assembly on petition thereto

(Over)

FOURTH. Said corporation shall be located in Providence, Rhode Island.
(City or Town)

(Further provisions not inconsistent with law)

FIFTH.....

SIXTH.....

SEVENTH.....

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and stated our residences this
15th day of September ~~September~~ October A. D. 19 77

NAME	RESIDENCE
Carol Hutchinson	1 Smithfield Drive, Middletown, R. I.
Jean Nash	12 Burns St., Providence, R. I.
Ridgway F. Shinn	22 Whittier Drive, Johnston, R. I.
Helen B. Hawksley	15 Mary Ave., East Providence, R. I.
Rev. J. Gary Campbell	375 Broad St., Providence, R. I.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF Providence

In the City of East Providence
Town of East Providence
in said county this 15th day of October A. D. 1977, then
personally appeared before me Carol Hutchinson, Jean L. Nash,
Ridgway F. Shinn, Rev. J. Gary Campbell,
Helen B. Hawksley

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.

Charles C. Seal
Notary Public.

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Association

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