

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

ORIGINAL ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
(NON-BUSINESS CORPORATION)

Know all Men by these Presents, That we James A. Davison,
Allan A. Andrews,
Roger L. Brayton,
~~Wm~~ Phoebe E. Tripp,
and ~~Wm~~ Kathleen M. Magee,
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
NEWPORT CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, INCORPORATED

THIRD. Said corporation is constituted for the purpose of providing, possessing and maintaining an appropriate place of assembly and worship so as to further the ministerial work and accommodate the public religious services of the Newport Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Hence, to purchase, acquire, build, hold, manage, lease, rent, mortgage, sell, convey and deal in real estate and tangible property in any manner that is lawful and proper in the interest and for the welfare of the said religious body.

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 Newport, Rhode Island.
(City or Town)

(Further provisions not inconsistent with law)

FIFTH. The Newport Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Incorporated, is to be, and remain, a non-profit religious corporation. No salaries or personal gain shall ever be paid to, or received by, any of its officers or members for their services as such. Therefore, all property and funds acquired and possessed by the Newport Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Incorporated, shall be used exclusively in the interest and for the benefit of all members of the said religious corporation, and those who with them assemble, for as long as the said corporation remains and functions as a corporate religious body.

SIXTH Initial members and officers in the Board of Directors shall be duly elected and installed. Annual re-election, or replacement when necessary, of such directors shall be by a nomination committee composed of the then prevailing ministerial servant body in the Newport Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Names of those thus elected, or re-elected, shall be presented for approval to the congregation of members of the said religious corporation at the last regular Service Meeting to be held in the month of January of each year, or at the first regular Service Meeting after any election during the interim.

SEVENTH If, by any calamitous event or circumstance, the Newport Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Incorporated, ever should become irreparably disrupted, inoperative or otherwise incapable of discharging its responsibilities as a legal, corporate body, it is, and shall be, the will and agreement of all members and directors thereof that all assets and property of the said corporation, after the disposal of any debts, liens or liabilities binding thereon, shall then become the assets and property of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society of Pennsylvania, or its duly appointed agent, if and when the above designated beneficiary, or its duly appointed agent, shall then, upon being notified, choose to accept such assets and property.

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and stated our residences this

Eightth day of June A. D. 1967

NAME	RESIDENCE
James A. Davison	292 Broadway, Newport, R.I.
Allan A. Andrews	292 Broadway, Newport, R.I.
Roger L. Braxton	41 Gormley Ave. Portsmouth, R.I.
Phoebe E. Tripp	64 Martin's Road, Portsmouth, R.I.
Kathleen M. Magee	2 Bean Avenue, Newport, R.I.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, }
COUNTY OF Providence }

In the City } of Providence
Town }

in said county this 8th day of June A. D. 1967, then

personally appeared before me James A. Davison, Allan A. Andrews, Roger L. Braxton, Phoebe E. Tripp and Kathleen M. Magee

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.

Edward W. Morris
Notary Public Notary Public.

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NEWPORT CONGREGATION
OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES,
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I Hereby Certify That Newport Congregation of Jehovah's
Witnesses, Incorporated

has paid into the State Treasury a fee of

Twenty

Dollars for

Incorporation

in accordance with the provisions of 7-1-9, General Laws.

Raymond A. Deane