

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, ETC.  
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AN ACT

June Session 1828 A.D.

C O P Y

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

An act to incorporate certain persons by the name and style of the Westminster Congregational Society.

Section I Be it enacted by the General Assembly and by the authority thereof it is enacted, That Nathan Hastings, Joseph Sweet, David Barton and their associates together with such others as shall hereafter be elected by them, they and their successors, be and they are hereby created a body corporate and politic with perpetual succession, by the name of the Westminster Congregational Society, in Providence for the purpose of supporting maintaining and promulgating the Christian religion, and by that name shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to defend and to be defended against in all courts and places and before all proper judges and magistrates whomsoever; to take, receive and hold all monies and other property by voluntary subscription, contribution donation or otherwise; also all legacies and devices of real and personal estate, and also to have, hold, possess and acquire lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods, chattels and property of every description, not exceeding in all the sum of \$75,000., and all and singular the estate and property aforesaid to lease, grant, convey or dispose of in such manner as they judge expedient, at their will and pleasure; to have and use a common seal and the same to alter and renew at pleasure; and, at any of their meetings to enact and pass such rule, regulations and by-laws for the government of said corporation and the management of affairs thereof, as they may deem proper and necessary; provided, however, the same be not repugnant to this act of incorporation, the laws of this State or of the United States.

Sec. 2 And be it further enacted, That said Corporation shall and may hold an annual meeting on the first Monday of June, in each and every year, and such other meetings at other times as they shall see cause, to be called and notified in such way and manner as they shall prescribe, to transact their business; and that seven members of said corporation, of which the president, treasurer or secretary thereof shall always be one, shall be necessary to form a quorum.

Sec. 3 And be it further enacted, That said corporation, at their said annual meeting, shall elect out of their own body,

a president, treasurer and secretary and such other officers as they may see cause, who shall hold their respective offices for one year, and until others shall be chosen in their stead, provided however, if said corporation shall at any time fail of holding any of their said annual meetings, such failure shall not in any way impair or invalidate this act, but said corporation may elect their said officers at any other meeting thereof.

Sec. 4 And be it further enacted, That the said treasurer of said corporation shall, before he acts in said office, give bond, with sufficient surety or sureties, to said corporation to the satisfaction of the president thereof, for the faithful performance of the trusts and duties of said office, which bond shall be lodged in the secretary's office; that the treasurer shall keep a fair record of all the funds and money concerns of the corporation, and shall at every annual meeting, and oftener if required, render to said corporation a fair and distinct account of all their funds, and all monies received and paid out by him on their account.

Sec. 5 And be it further enacted, That Nathan Hastings be the first president, George Dana the first treasurer, and Henry Wescott the first secretary of said corporation, to continue in their respective offices until the first Monday of June A.D. 1829 and until other persons shall be elected by said corporation.

Sec. 6 And be it further enacted, That Nathan Hastings, president of said corporation, shall cause a meeting of the members thereof, to be convened in the month of July ensuing, at such time and place, and by giving notice thereof in such way and manner as he may deem proper.

Sec. 7 And be it further enacted, That this act of incorporation shall forever be subject to all future acts of this General Assembly, either in Amendment or repeal thereof, or in any wise affecting the same.

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(This Act was amended in 1965 to change the name of this Corporation to "Westminster Unitarian Church" to increase the amount which this Corporation may hold to "\$300,000", and to change the time of the annual meeting of the Corporation to the "month of January".)

Name	Loc.	Prov.
Westminster Congregational Society, in Providence		
Mail Ad.		

Inc'd.	June Ses 1828	Under Chap.	Report Not Required
Date Am'd's	Jan Ses 1953		
Auth. Cap. \$		Inc. or Dec. to	\$
Treas.			

Att'y

Name ch'g'd to Westminster Unitarian Church Date Jan Ses 1967