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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Be it Known By These Presents, That Wm Stockhoff, J.O.Klent, Edwin M Ritter, Fred Eisenmenger, Jr., C.J.Knauer, Robert Seewer, Saml C. Blankenbaker, MM J.P.Schoeffler, Geo G Kern, Chas J Army, Wm F. Attix, W.A. Hill, and our associates and successors have associated and incorporated ourselves together as a body corporate and politic under and in pursuance to the Kentucky Statutes, and have made and formed and do by these presents make, organize, and form a corporation under the laws of Kentucky, with all the powers and rights incident thereto, with power to sue, contract and be contracted with, and to have and use a common seal and to alter the same at pleasure, to receive and to hold property real and personal whether obtained by purchase, gift, or devise as may be necessary to carry on or promote the objects of this corporation, and may sell or dispose of said property at pleasure, unless the property has been received as a gift or devise for some special purpose, and if so received, it shall be applied only for such purpose, and shall have a right to adopt such rules for its government and operation not inconsistent with the law as Trustees may deem proper, and which may ordinarily be done by any corporation and we do declare as follows:

1. The name of the corporation shall be, "West Louisville Evangelical Church, of Louisville, Ky. "
 2. The location of said corporation and its place of worship shall be in the City of Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.
 3. The nature of the business of the corporation shall be the conducting of a house of religious worship and as such it acknowledges the canonical books of the Old and New Testament to be the revealed Word of God and the sole and infallible rule of faith and practice; it accepts the interpretation of the Holy Scriptures as laid down in the Symbolical books of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches, principal among which are the Augsburg Confession, Luther's Small Catechism, and the Heidelberg Catechism insofar as they agree. Wherever these disagree however, it relies entirely on those passages of Scripture pertaining to the points in question and thereby avails itself of the liberty of conscience characteristic of the Evangelical Church.
 4. There shall be no capital stock or stockholders.
 5. The corporation shall begin on the First day of February 1916 and shall be perpetual unless dissolved by action of its members.
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- (6) The affairs of the corporation are to be conducted by the following officers. By the pastor and a Board of Trustees of not less than twelve nor more than fifteen, by a President Vice-Pres, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and a Treasurer, but any two of said officers may be filled by one and the same person if desired by the members. The Pastor is a permanent member, while the others are chosen for a term of two years, and in such a manner that according to seniority six members are to retire each year. The retiring members however are eligible for re-election. The first Board of Trustees of twelve members shall be composed of the incorporators whose names are hereto affixed and they shall continue in office until the second Sunday of January 1917 at which time a new Board of Trustees shall be elected. The officers shall be elected annually on the second Sunday in January each year thereafter at Louisville, Kentucky. The Board of Trustees shall be elected by the members, and the officers shall be elected by the Board of Trustees.
- (7) The highest amount of indebtedness or liability which the corporation may at any time incur is the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands at Louisville Kentucky this 20th day of January 1916.

Wm Stockhoff
J.O.Klemt
Edwin M Ritter
Fred Eisenmenger, Jr
C.J. Knauer
Robert Seewer
Saml C Blankenbaker
William J.P.Schoeffler
George G Kern
Chas J. Army
Wm F. Attix
W.A. Hall.

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State of Kentucky set
County of Jefferson

I, Frederick Forcht, Jr., a Notary Public in and for said State and County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing Articles of Incorporation were produced to me and were signed, acknowledged, and delivered by Wm Stockhoff, J.O.Kemp, Edwin M Ritter, Fred Eisenmenger, Jr., C.J.Knauer, Robert Seewer, Saml C Blankenbaker, Wm J.P.Schoeffler, Geo G Kern, Chas J Army, Wm F Attix and Wm A Hill, parties thereto to be their act and deed.
Given under my hand and seal of office this 20th day of January 1916.

Fred Forcht,
Notary Public, Jeff Co., Ky.
My commission expires Jan 23, 1918.

I. P.S.Ray, Clerk of the County Court of Jefferson County in the State of Kentucky do certify that on this day at 4:10 P.M. the foregoing Articles of Incorporation were produced to me in my office and that I have recorded them this and the foregoing certificate in my office.

Witness my hand this 20th day of Jan. 1916.
Corporation Book 24 P.S. Ray, Clerk.
Pages 628-639

Note.

Article 7 amended Sept 26, 1927 by entire Board of Trustees (15) to read(\$200,000) instead of(\$50,000).
Corp Book 37, page 418-419 Co Clerk's Office.