

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
TRINITY CHURCH, GREENSBORO, NC

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more, for the glory of God, acting as incorporators for the purpose of creating a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina to operate as a Church as contained in Chapter 55A, of the General Statutes of North Carolina, entitled "Non-Profit Corporation Act," and the several amendments thereto, do hereby set forth:

I

The name of the Corporation is Trinity Church, Greensboro, North Carolina.

II

The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

III

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are:

- A. To organize and establish an evangelical Church for the purposes of divine worship for the glory of God, and studying of the Scriptures, to promote fellowship of its members, to engage in missionary activities both at home and abroad, to assist in charitable work of any nature deemed beneficial and to the best interest of the Church, and to raise funds for carrying the same into effect in any manner allowed by the Constitution and the Bylaws of the Church and permitted by the laws of the State of North Carolina and the Constitution of the United States of America.
- B. To promulgate the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and promote Bible teaching and Christian missions based upon the fundamental precepts of the historical Christian Faith and upon the sacred Scriptures as the infallible and inspired Word of God.
- C. To buy, sell, own, transfer, receive and deal in all types of property whatsoever, both personal and real, for the purposes of the Church.
- D. To possess all powers and do all things that a natural person can and may do.
- E. To call into and ordain the ministry, and to exercise all powers granted organized churches, and to carry on all activities consistent with Church operations.

IV

Each person of this Church in good and regular standing according to the Bylaws is to be an active member of this Corporation and entitled to all the privileges and powers of such and entitled to one vote in all meetings of the Church. There are to be no certificates or shares of stock and no capital stock paid into the Corporation.

V

The Corporation is to have the following classes of members: Regular Members, hereafter referred to as Active Members, Affiliate Members and Inactive Members. An Affiliate Member as defined by the Bylaws shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Member, except voting. Persons may become members of the Church by subscribing to the Articles of Religion of the Church and by complying with the requirements of membership as more specifically set forth in the Bylaws of the Church.

VI

The government and ultimate authority of this Church is vested in its Active Members who as a congregation exercise their rights in all its officers. The government, however, shall be representative in nature in that the ongoing work of the Church shall be under the control and supervision of the Senior Pastor and the Board of Elders.

- A. The congregation shall annually elect the Elders of the Church who shall elect the church officers as set forth in the Bylaws.
- B. With respect to meetings of the congregation, the majority vote of its members shall control all church affairs provided a quorum of the active members are present, except in regard to the following fundamental questions a vote of two-thirds of the active members of the congregation present and voting shall be necessary to:
 - 1. Select, hire, or terminate a pastor;
 - 2. Change the Charter or Bylaws;
 - 3. Change or modify the Church Doctrine;
 - 4. Buy, sell, mortgage or dispose of real estate or to lease the main church buildings; except that real property received as a gift or bequest not clearly intended by the donor for use as a worship facility and not utilized by the church for its ministries may be sold or leased by regular action of the Board of Elders;
 - 5. Change the Church name.
- C. All other matters and details of Church Government are set forth in the Bylaws of the Church.

VII

The Congregation shall hold business meetings for the purpose of hearing and acting upon reports and audits of the ministries of the Church, and to transact any other necessary business.

VIII

The address of the initial registered office of the Congregation is 2616 Deer Place, Greensboro, North Carolina 27407 and the name of the initial registered agent at the above address of the Congregation is James Floyd Shelton.

IX

The names and addresses of the incorporators who are to serve as the Board of Administration until the initial Board is appointed are:

Horace H. Bailes	1300 Westridge Road, Greensboro, NC
Armand F. Bodie	4008 Donegal Drive, Greensboro, NC
Ronald D. Davidson	2203 Bridgett Blvd., Greensboro, NC
S.H. Helton, Jr.	2207 Four Seasons Blvd., Greensboro, NC
Roy D. Kernodle	3200 Edgewater Drive, Greensboro, NC
C. Amos Lashley	2915 St. Regis Road, Greensboro, NC
James F. Shelton	2616 Deer Place, Greensboro, NC
T.D. Stokes	3621 Pinetop Road, Greensboro, NC
Charles E. Younts	2014 Ledford Road, Greensboro, NC

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The Corporation is authorized to receive and hold by gift, demise, purchase or otherwise, any property, real and personal to be held for the use of said Corporation. No member of a Board of the Church congregation shall be individually liable for the Corporation's debts.

No part of the net earnings of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors or officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation. Should this Corporation ever be dissolved, its Board of Directors shall, after paying all liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all assets of the Corporation in such a manner, or to such an organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable or religious purposes, as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section III, 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501 (c)(3) and 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code or to the Federal, State or government for exclusive public purpose.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or (b) a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4842 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions for any subsequent Federal tax laws.

The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealings defined in Section 1941 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions for any subsequent Federal tax laws.

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 on any subsequent Federal tax laws.

The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4943 (d) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954, or corresponding provisions on any subsequent Federal tax laws.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we the said incorporators have hereunto set our hands and seals, this the ____ day of May, 1978.

Horace H. Bailes

Armand F. Bodie

Ronald D. Davidson

S.H. Helton, Jr.

Roy D. Kernodle

C. Amos Lashley

James F. Shelton

T.D. Stokes

Charles E. Younts

NORTH CAROLINA
GUILFORD COUNTY

This is to certify that on the ____ day of May, 1978, before a Notary Public, personally appeared Horace H. Bailes, Armand F. Bodie, Ronald D. Davidson, S.H. Helton, Jr., Roy D. Kernodle, C. Amos Lashley, James F. Shelton, T.D. Stokes, and Charles E. Younts, who, I am satisfied are the persons named in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and I having first made known to them the contents thereof, they did each acknowledge that they signed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and my official seal, this ____ day of May, 1978.

My commission expires:

Notary Public