CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES (EXCERPT)
Act 148 of 1901

458.421 Christian Reformed church; trustees; execution and acknowledgment of articles of association; filing copy of articles with department of commerce; trustees and successors as body corporate.

Sec. 1. That the minister or ministers, elders, and deacons, and if during any time there shall be no minister, then the elders and deacons during such time of every Christian Reformed church now existing or hereafter to be organized in this state and elected according to the constitution and usages of such church within this state, shall be the trustees of every such church or congregation, and it shall be lawful for such trustees if not already incorporated, to assemble together as they shall deem it convenient, and execute under their hands and seals, articles of association, in writing, in duplicate, and acknowledge the same before some officer authorized by law to take acknowledgment of deeds.

One of such duplicate copies shall be retained by such corporation, and 1 copy shall be filed in the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce, and such trustees and their successors in office shall thereupon by virtue of such articles and this act be a body corporate by the name or title expressed in such articles of association.