METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCHES (EXCERPT)
Act 11 of 1899

458.23 Articles and certificate of consent; contents, form.

Sec. 3.

Said articles of association shall contain the following items: First, The name of said church; Second, The township, village or city, and the county in which said church shall be located; Third, The time for which said corporation shall be created; Fourth, An agreement to worship and labor together according to the discipline, rules and usages of the Methodist Episcopal church. Said articles may be in the following form:

We, the undersigned, desiring to become incorporated under the provisions of act number ..... of the public acts of 1899, entitled "An act for the organization of corporate Methodist Episcopal churches," do hereby make, execute and adopt the following articles of association, to wit:

First, The name assumed by this corporation, and by which it shall be known in law, is "The ..... Methodist Episcopal church;"

Second, The location of said church shall be in the ..... of ..... county of ..... and state of Michigan;

Third, The time for which said corporation shall be created shall not exceed 30 years from ....., the date of its organization;

Fourth, The members of said church shall worship and labor together according to the discipline, rules and usages of the Methodist Episcopal church in the United States of America, as from time to time authorized and declared by the general conference of said church and the annual conference within whose bounds said corporation is situated.

In witness whereof, we, the parties hereby associating for the purpose of giving legal effect to these articles, hereunto sign our names and places of residence.

Done at the ..... of ....., county of ....., and state of Michigan, this ..... day of ....., A.D. 189....

(Signatures.) } SS. (Residences.)

State of Michigan,

County of .....

On this ..... day of ....., A.D. ....., before me, a ..... in and for said county, personally appeared ....., known to me to be the persons named in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same freely and for the intents and purposes therein mentioned.

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I, ... presiding elder of the ..... district, of the ..... annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, the same being the district in which the church mentioned in the foregoing articles of association is to be, or is now located, do hereby certify that such church was organized by and with my consent and concurrence.

Dated at ....., Mich., A.D. 189....

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Presiding Elder.

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