

12/14/04

**ARTICLES OF REINCORPORATION**  
**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF IOWA CITY, IOWA**

**LET ALL PERSONS KNOW:**

That whereas the Christian Church of Iowa City, Iowa was originally incorporated under the laws of Iowa in 1866, the Articles of Incorporation for the Recorder of Johnson County, Iowa, and said articles have now expired but the organization has continued ever since to exist and act as said corporation and exercise its corporate functions under the name of First Christian Church of Iowa City, Iowa, and now desires to reincorporate, renew and continue its corporate existence in perpetuity as a corporation not for pecuniary profit under the provision of Chapter 504 of the code of Iowa.

**NOW THEREFORE:** the undersigned trustees, directors and members of said corporation do hereby reincorporate under the provisions of the following Articles.

**I**

The name of the corporation shall be "The First Christian Church of Iowa City, Iowa".

**II**

The principal place of business shall be Johnson County, Iowa and its office shall be maintained there.

**III**

The business and objectives of the corporation shall be to maintain and conduct a church of Christian worship, which church is a part of the denomination known as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and is committed to the teaching and the promotion of the Christian faith and to ecumenical efforts and relationships that express and affirm the essential unity of the church.

**IV**

This corporation shall have the powers to do all things necessary and proper to carry on and

promote its business and object above stated and for the said purposes:

1. To take own and hold both real and personal property of every kind and description and to acquire the same by purchase, lease, gift or other means of acquisition, and to buy, sell, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, transfer, assign, convey and otherwise dispose of the same.
2. To erect, construct, improve, maintain and use the church buildings and equipment and accessories, and business, residence or other properties held and used in connection with the church for its benefit.
3. To receive, hold and use bequests, devises, gifts, contributions, and donations of both real and personal property, and to conserve, invest, reinvest and use the same in accordance with the terms specified by the grantor either absolutely or in trust.
4. To borrow money and to execute and deliver notes, contracts, mortgages and other indica of obligation, indebtedness or security thereof.
5. To tend or invest money on notes, mortgages, bonds, stocks or other securities, and to release, assign, satisfy or dispose of the same.
6. To enter into contracts for any of the above, and for any other matters germane to its general business and object herein stated.
7. To employ a minister and such other persons as may be necessary to carry on its business.

The general powers of this corporation shall in no way be held to be limited or restricted by the foregoing enumeration, but said specifications shall be interpreted to be in extension and specification of the general powers of this corporation.

## V

The business affairs of this corporation shall be conducted by the Board, the composition of which is specified by the By-Laws. All members of the Board shall be elected from the members of the church at a meeting of the corporation. The Board shall elect its officers, each of whom shall exercise the duties generally pertaining to such offices and as specified in the By-Laws.

## VI

The Board shall have and exercise all of the powers of the corporation except that the church building and real estate on which it is located cannot be sold, nor a minister called or released without a quorum of the members, as defined in the By-Laws, being in attendance at a duly called

meeting of the corporation. All deeds, mortgages, contracts, and other legal documents shall be signed and executed by at least two officers of the corporation and two of the trustees of the corporation on authority of the Board.

## **VII**

This corporation shall have no capital stock and shall declare no dividends and no individual or private firm or corporation shall in any way receive any dividends or profits from the corporation: it shall operate as a corporation not for pecuniary profit under Chapter 504 of the Code of Iowa amendments thereto, for religious purposes only.

## **VII**

This corporation shall not have an official seal.

## **IX**

The private property of incorporators and members of this corporation shall not be subject to the debts and obligations of the corporation.

## **X**

The members of the corporation shall consist of those who appear on the membership roll of the corporation as provided in the By-Laws of the corporation.

## **XI**

The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held the last Sunday of February. Additional meetings shall be held as provided in the By-Laws.

## **XII**

These Articles of Reincorporation can be amended only by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the corporation who are present and voting at an annual meeting or special meeting of the corporation. Notice of any proposed change in the Articles of Reincorporation must be given by an announcement made at two regular Sunday services, beginning at least two weeks before the date of the meeting which is to consider the proposed amendment. Written notice of the proposed change must also be mailed to the membership at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

As these Articles are a legally binding document, amendments and revisions shall be subject to review, commentary, and approval by an attorney in the service of the corporation prior to their adoption. If an attorney acting in the service of the corporation raises an objection regarding the legality or unintended legal implications of an amendment or revision that has been approved by the membership, the adoption of that amendment or revision will be postponed. An opportunity for

additional debate and amendment will be afforded at an additional specially called meeting of the corporation, to be convened at the earliest possible time.

The By-Laws of the corporation can be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership who are present and voting at the annual or special meeting. Notice of any proposed change in the By-Laws must be given by an announcement made at two regular Sunday services, beginning at least two weeks before the date of the meeting which is to consider the proposed amendment. Written notice of the proposed change must also be mailed to the membership at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

As amended by congregation April 2, 2000