

To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do

hereby certify that NORTHERN ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, A DOMESTIC CORPORATION, INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE SEPTEMBER 10, 1878, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT OF THIS STATE, AND AS OF THIS DATE, IS A DOMESTIC CORPORATION IN GOOD STANDING IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.*****



*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set
my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of
the State of Illinois, this* 5TH
day of AUGUST 2003
A.D.

Jesse White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Articles of Incorporation of the
Northern Illinois Annual Conference of the
United Methodist Church

1. The name of the corporation is Northern Illinois Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

2. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

(a) To promote and uphold the objects and doctrines, the articles of religion and confession of faith and, in general, the historic and spiritual traditions and religious programs of the United Methodist Church as set forth in the Constitution, the Doctrinal Statements, and General Rules and the Discipline of said denomination.

(b) To provide for the promotion and maintenance of religious worship and education and the work of the Church in the Charges and places of worship and service within the boundaries of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and to maintain and advance the connectional interests and relationships of all such Charges.

(c) To manage, hold and dispose of real and personal property of the corporation; to receive and borrow money on behalf of the corporation; to aid and give financial assistance to churches and to religious, charitable and educational philanthropies and religious, charitable and educational institutions of or related to the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church; to accept donations, bequests and devises, of any character, in trust or otherwise, and administer the same in accordance with the directions of the donor for the benefit of any Charge, society, or institution affiliated with or related to the conference; to make by-laws, rules and regulations and to do all things necessary, suitable and proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes set forth herein.

(d) All powers enumerated herein shall be subject to and exercised in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

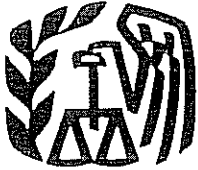
3. The corporation shall have one class of members, which class shall consist of those persons designated by the Constitution and Discipline of the United Methodist Church, to serve as ministerial and lay members of an annual conference. The members shall meet and act in regular or special sessions and shall possess all powers, rights, and privileges in conducting the business and affairs of the conference as are provided in the Constitution and Discipline of the United Methodist Church. In the interim between annual and special sessions of the members, the management of the corporation shall be vested in a board of twelve (12) trustees, whose powers and duties shall be set forth in the by-laws and shall be subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

4. The following persons are hereby selected as the trustees to control and manage said corporation for the first year of its corporate existence, viz: Miner Raymond, Henry L. Martin, William Goodfellow, Isaac Lineburger, Festus P. Cleveland, William C. Willing, Luke Hitchcock, William C. Dandy and Wm. Aug. Smith.

5. The location is in the city of Chicago in the county of Cook, State of Illinois.

6. The duration of the corporation is perpetual.

Internal Revenue Service
Washington, DC 20224



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Date:

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In reply refer to:

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Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church, a/k/a the United Methodist Church and Its Affiliated Organizations
1200 Davis Street
Evanston, Illinois 60201

Attention: R. Bryan Brawner

Dear Applicant:

This refers to the information submitted for use in determining your status and the status of your affiliated religious organizations, on the list you submitted, as being exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For the purposes of this group ruling, your affiliated religious organizations include The General Conference, Judicial Council; General Agencies, Commissions, Committees, their divisions and departments thereof, and, other related organizations; Jurisdictional Conferences and Affiliated Agencies, Commissions, and other organizations; Annual Conferences and divisions and departments thereof; Annual Conference Agencies, Commissions, Committees, and affiliated organization; Local Churches and Local Church Agencies, Commissions, Committees, and other affiliated organizations.

Based on the information supplied, we rule that you and your affiliated religious organizations, on the list you submitted, are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

We have further determined that you and the affiliated religious organizations you operate, supervise, or control, and which are covered by your notification to us, are not private foundations within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code, because you and your affiliated religious organizations are organizations described in sections 170(b)(1)(A)(i) and 509(a)(1) of the Code.