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Lansing, Michigan

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This certificate is in due form, made by me as the proper officer, and is entitled to have full faith and credit given it in every court and office within the United States.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, in the City of Lansing, this 19th day of March, 2010

C.O.B. MINISTRIES
P.O. BOX 254
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Director

Bureau of Commercial Services

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION
OF THE
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.)
(ss.
COUNTY OF CALHOUN.)

We, the undersigned, in pursuance of an Act of the People of the State of Michigan, Number 192, Approved March 27th, 1867, as Amended, being entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation of Associations, Conventions, Conference or Religious Bodies, for literary, religious or other benevolent purposes", desiring to avail ourselves of the privileges and powers granted and conferred by said Act, do hereby associate ourselves together as a Body Corporate thereunder to be known by the name and style of "GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS" as follows, to wit; -

1.

The purpose for which this Corporation is formed is the issuing and diffusing of CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE by means of Publishing Houses for such purpose, and Publications therefrom, and by the further means of Missionaries, Missionary Agencies and other instrumentalities.

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2.

The temporal affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by, and the real and personal property of this Corporation shall be in charge of, Five (5) Trustees, who shall hold their offices One Year and until their successors shall be duly chosen.

3.

The Trustees of this Corporation shall choose one of their number President, and such other officers as their By-laws may require. Said officers shall hold their respective offices One Year and until their successors shall be duly chosen. The Trustees for the time being shall have full power to fill any vacancy which shall happen in their Board by death, resignation or otherwise.

4.

The following persons, to wit; - *George J. Butler, Walter Switto, Ole A. Olsen, Archibald R. Henry, and Rufus A. Underwood,* shall compose the first Board of Trustees of this Corporation.

Said persons shall hold their offices until the first following regular Annual Meeting of the General Conference of the Seventh Day Adventists, and until their successors shall be duly chosen.

5.

This Corporation shall act as auxiliary to said General Conference of the Seventh Day Adventists, and the entire Board of Trustees of this Corporation shall hereafter be duly elected by the legal voters of said General Conference of the Seventh Day Adventists, according to the usages and customs of said Conference.

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6.

This Corporation may receive and hold real and personal property to the amount of \$500,000.00 whether acquired by gift, purchase, devise or bequest, and may use and expend the same for the following purposes to wit, - For the issuing and diffusing of CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE by means of establishing Publishing House and issuing Publications therefrom, and by the further means of Missionaries, Missionary Agencies and other instrumentalities, and may, in the discretion of the Trustees, so use and expend the same, in any and every Country upon the Globe.

7.

This Corporation may receive and execute trusts in real and personal property, for the following purposes,-

1. For the general purposes of its incorporation, as specified in Section 6, of these Articles, to be executed, used and expended in ^{AND EVERY} any Country upon the Globe. and
2. For the benefit of said General Conference of the Seventh Day Adventists; - but all such latter trusts shall be executed within the State of Michigan.

8.

The trustees of this Corporation, or a majority thereof, shall have full and exclusive power and authority to make all the By-laws of this Corporation.

9.

The purpose and essence of this Corporation being purely of a

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benevolent, charitable and philanthropic nature, no dividends shall be declared upon any funds, but the Trustees are authorized to use and expend the entire principal sum and all accumulations thereon in such manner as to them shall seem most fit and proper to carry into full effect the objects and aims of this Corporation, and if, at the expiration of the statutory life of this Corporation, said Corporation has in its hands, any property, real or personal, in fee or in trust, unexpended or unapplied, then and in such case, the majority of the then Trustees are authorized and empowered to duly transfer the title and ownership of all such property, to such Corporation as may then be in existence having for its object the issuing and diffusing of Christian Knowledge by means of publishing house for such purpose and publications therefrom, and by the further means of missionaries, missionary agencies and other instrumentalities.

10.

The TERM of Existence of this Corporation shall be THIRTY YEARS.

W I T N E S S our hands and seals the 14th day of January 1886.

George J. Butler

Archibald R. Henry

Uriah Smith

Russell A. Clark

William C. Sisley

George W. Amadon

William W. Prescott

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William C White
Clement Eldridge

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On this 14th day of January, A.D. 1886, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared said George I, Butler, Archibald R, Henry, Uriah Smith, Russell A, Hart, William C, Sisley, George W, Amadon, William W, Prescott, William C, White and Clement Eldridge, to me known to be the same persons described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Association, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same for the intents and purposes therein mentioned.

Joseph S. Hubbert
Notary Public appeared

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