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THE PERU METHODIST CHURCH

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The Public

Pearl E. Shetterly, Recorder

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE PERU METHODIST CHURCH

Of Peru, Iowa.

(Heretofore known as the Peru Methodist Episcopal (Protestant) Church.)

We, the undersigned, the duly elected, qualified and acting Trustees of The Peru Methodist Church, within the jurisdiction and bounds of the Ia-Des Moines Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, and pursuant to the Discipline of The Methodist Church, and the Resolution of the Quarterly Conference of the above designated Church, do hereby execute, acknowledge and

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adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for said Church, as a corporation not for Pecuniary profit, under the provisions of Chapter 394, Code of Iowa, 1939, and Acts amendatory thereto:

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be the Peru Methodist Church.

ARTICLE II. LOCATION

Section 1. The church shall be and is hereby established and located at Peru, Madison County, Iowa.

ARTICLE III. OBJECTS, PURPOSES AND POWERS

Section 1. The objects and purposes of this corporation shall be the promotion of the Christian religion, and the spread of the same throughout the World; and this corporation shall support the Doctrines and shall be subject to the laws, usages and Ministerial appointments of the Methodist Church as from time to time established, made and declared by the lawful authority of said Church.

Section 2. This corporation shall have the power to acquire, secure, hold, improve, insure, sell, convey, and dispose of property, both real and personal, in fee simple and otherwise, absolute or in trust, and to administer the same as provided in and in accordance with the Discipline of The Methodist Church; and shall have and exercise all of the rights, and powers vested in and conferred upon it by said Discipline, and the laws of the State of Iowa; together with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities conferred by law upon such corporations; and shall have the power to do any and all acts and things necessary, incident and convenient to the achievement of its objects and purposes, and the exercise of the rights, powers, privileges and immunities herein conferred.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The members of this Church Corporation shall be members of The Methodist Church as shown by the records of the Church.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. The Directors of this corporation shall be the Board of Trustees of Church property, elected and organized as prescribed in the Discipline of The Methodist Church.

Section 2. A Board of Trustees shall be chosen, appointed or elected in the manner prescribed by the Discipline, and shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) members of the Church, and shall be amenable to the Quarterly Conference, as provided by the Discipline.

Section 3. The duties of officers, directors and Trustees shall be and are such as are fixed, prescribed and defined by the Discipline.

Section 4. Until their successors have been elected and have qualified, the following shall constitute the Board of Trustees of the Corporation.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> |
|-------------|----------------|
| D M Travis  | Peru           |
| Amel Priest | "              |
| Geo Simmons | "              |
| F J Landis  | "              |

Section 5. The successors to the said trustees shall be elected as provided by, and shall be subject to and governed by the Discipline of The Methodist Church.

Section 6. The Board of Trustees shall elect the following officers of the Board; President, Secretary and Treasurer; and said officers shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Discipline.

ARTICLE VI. TITLE TO PROPERTY

Section 1. The title to all property heretofore or hereafter acquired shall be taken, held and transferred in the name of the corporation, in trust for The Methodist Church, and subject to the Discipline of The Methodist Church.

Section 2. The property of the corporation may be sold or mortgaged by the Board of Trustees

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only under the direction and by the approval of the quarterly Conference of the Church, together with the approval of the District Superintendent, and in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline of The Methodist Church, and the laws of the State of Iowa.

ARTICLE VII. BY-LAWS

Section 1. This corporation shall have the power at any regular session to adopt, amend, or repeal By-laws rules and regulations for the direction and management of the affairs of the corporation, and affiliated organizations, subject to the Discipline and to these Articles of Incorporation, provided that Notice of such meeting, specifying the intended action, be mailed and addressed to every member of the Quarterly Conference at least ten days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. EXEMPTION

Section 1. The private property of the members and officers of this corporation shall be exempt from all liability for the debts and obligations of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX. CORPORATE EXISTENCE

Section 1. This corporation shall endure for a period of fifty years from the date of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation in the office of the County Recorder, unless sooner dissolved by the vote of the members in compliance with the Discipline of The Methodist Church, or by operation of law.

Section 2. The corporate existence of this corporation may be renewed and extended as provided by law, but shall remain subject to the Discipline of The Methodist Church.

ARTICLE X. RE-INCORPORATION

Section 1. This corporation having been heretofore incorporated as the Peru Methodist Episcopal (Protestant) Church, these Articles of Incorporation shall be and are hereby declared to be executed and adopted in substitution therefor, and in lieu thereof; and shall be construed and held to extend and renew the existence of said Church under the name herein adopted and subject to the Discipline of The Methodist Church for a period of fifty years from the date of the filing hereof in the office of the County Recorder, subject to the provisions of Article IX of these Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 4 day of April, 1941

D.M. Travis                      Geo. Simmons  
Amel Priest                      F.J. Landis  
Board of Trustees of Said Church

STATE OF IOWA :  
..... COUNTY : SS

Be it remembered that on this 4 day of April, 1941, before me a Notary Public in and for Madison County, Iowa, personally appeared D.M. Travis, Amel Priest, Geo Simmons, F.J. Landis, and ..... to me personally known to be the identical persons named in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged that they executed the same in behalf of said Corporation, and by authority of its Quarterly Conference, and the members of said Church, as the voluntary act and deed of said corporation, and for the objects and purposes set forth in said Articles of Incorporation.

NOTARIAL  
SEAL

Witness my signature and official seal affixed, the day and date above written.

P.F. Beeler  
Notary Public in and for Said County Iowa