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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF THE

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH OF NAMPA, INCORPORATED

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The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a nonprofit corporation under the Idaho Non-Corporation Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is United Reformed Church of Nampa, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II

The corporation is a nonprofit corporation organized exclusively for religious purposes, is not formed for pecuniary, profit, or financial gain and no part of the assets, income or profits of the corporation is distributable or inures to the benefit of its members, directors, or officers, or any private person.

ARTICLE III

The period of duration of the United Reformed Church of Nampa, Incorporated shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE IV

This corporation is organized as a church to minister in the name of Christ.

ARTICLE V

This church accepts the Bible as the infallible Word of God and as based thereon the official creeds of the United Reformed Church, namely, the Belgic Confession, The Heidelberg Catechism and the Canons of Dordt.

ARTICLE VI

The corporation shall conduct business in accordance with the By-Laws of the United Reformed Church of Nampa, Incorporated, as they may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE VII

The Council of this church shall constitute the Board of Directors of this corporation and as such shall have all powers over the temporalities of this church prescribed by Idaho statutes and the by-laws of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII

The ownership of the property of a particular church of the United Reformed Church of Nampa is in the congregation of such church and title may be held in any form, corporate or otherwise, consistent with the provisions of civil law of the State in which said property is situated. The congregation, with respect to such property, may properly exercise the ownership possessed by property owners in such jurisdiction, and without any right of revision whatsoever by a classis or synod of the United Reformed Church, and that classis or synod of the United Reformed Church will not undertake to attempt to secure possession of the property of any congregation against its will, whether or not such a congregation remains within or chooses to withdraw from the denomination.

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In the event of schism within a local congregation which requires a settlement of property, such settlement shall be made according to the scriptural injunction of I Corinthians 6. Every effort shall be made to achieve a just and fair division of property. If help is needed with such negotiations, such help shall be sought first of all from classis and/or synod. If these methods do not succeed, help may be sought from nonecclesiastical advisors. (See Supplement 38-B) (See Acts 1870, page 106 for definition of what is a schism.)

ARTICLE IX

Any person elected to the office of elder or deacon in said church, according to the Church Order and usage's of the United Reformed Church, and the minister (pastor), if there be one, shall become and be a member of the Board of Directors of said church, and the corporate functions of all offices shall cease on the vacating of the ecclesiastical office, but a vacancy in the office of the minister (pastor) shall in no way affect such Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

Said directors may have a common seal and alter the same at pleasure, and shall take into possession and custody all the temporalities of the church, and shall make the rules and regulations for the management thereof, whether the same shall consist of real or personal estate, and whether the same have been given, granted, bequeathed, or devised directly or indirectly to said church or to any person for its use.

ARTICLE XI

Said directors shall have the power and authority to bargain, sell, convey, mortgage, lease, or release any real estate belonging to said church or held by them as such directors, and to erect churches, parsonages, schoolhouse, and other buildings for the direct and legitimate use of said church, and to alter and repair the same, and to fix the salary of its minister or minister (if, at any time there be more than one) or anyone in its employ:

PROVIDED, that no such purchases, sale or conveyance, mortgage, lease or fixing of salaries shall be made unless the affirmative vote of the members of this church organization, of which said Directors are officers, shall be first obtained at a meeting of such member of this church or congregation present and entitled to vote, duly and specially called for that purpose by notice given for two successive Sundays at the usual place of meeting next preceding such meeting:

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that no sale, mortgaging, or conveyance shall be made of any gift, grant, or donation, conveyance, device or bequest which would be inconsistent with the express terms of plain intent of the grant, donation, gift, conveyance, device, or bequest.

ARTICLE XII

These Articles of Incorporation may at any time hereafter be amended in a manner provided by the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act. Such amendments shall not be inconsistent with Articles Five, Six, Seven, and Eight hereof.

ARTICLE XIII

The address of the registered office of the corporation is 55 S Midland Boulevard, Nampa, Idaho 83651, and the name of it registered agent at such address is Don Nienhouse.

ARTICLE XIV


The number of directors constituting the Board of Directors of the corporation is five and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the next annual congregational meeting or until their successors are elected and shall qualify are:

Henry D. Vander Stelt	2800 W Kuna Mora Road Kuna, Idaho 83634
Don Nienhouse	1406 Chicago Street Nampa, Idaho 83686
Case Houson	12344 Iowa Avenue Nampa, Idaho 83686
Martin Van Egmond	8920 Stewart Road Meridian, Idaho 83642
George Vander Woude	22448 Market Road Parma, Idaho 83660

ARTICLE XV

The name and address of the incorporator is Don Nienhouse of 1406 Chicago Street, Nampa, Idaho, 83686.

DATED this 1 day of August, 2001.



Don Nienhouse

2 Cor. 2:5-11.) When deemed appropriate by the Council, however, the restored person may be restricted from certain responsibilities within the church until he has demonstrated the requisite qualities for those responsibilities. (See, e.g., 1 Tim. 3:2, 8; Titus 1:6.)

17. Ownership and Distribution of Property.

a. The church shall hold, own, and enjoy its own personal and real property, without any right of reversion to another entity, except as provided in these Bylaws. Property belongs to the church regardless of denominational affiliation.

b. "Dissolution" means the complete disbanding of the church so that it no longer functions as a congregation or as a corporate entity. Upon the dissolution of the church, its property shall be applied and distributed as follows: (1) all liabilities and obligations of the church shall be paid and discharged or adequate provision shall be made therefor; (2) assets held by the church upon condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution, shall be returned, transferred, or conveyed in accordance with such requirements; (3) assets received and not held upon a condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance by reason of the dissolution, shall be transferred or conveyed to one or more domestic or foreign corporations, societies, or organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the responding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and are engaged in activities substantially similar to those of the corporation; this distribution shall be done pursuant to a plan adopted by the Council, provided that no assets are distributed to any organization governed by a member of the Council; and (4) any assets not otherwise disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the

county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, for such purposes and to such organizations as the court shall determine.

18. Indemnification of Officers.

a. The Council may choose to indemnify and advance expenses of any officer, employee, or agent of the church.

b. The church shall indemnify any Council member or former Council member of the church against claims, liabilities, expenses, and costs necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense, compromise, or settlement of any action, suit, or proceeding, civil or criminal, in which such person is made a party by reason of being or having been such Council member, except in relation to matters as to which such person shall be adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty to the church, to the extent not otherwise compensated, indemnified, or reimbursed by insurance.

19. Rules of Order.

All meetings of the church, the Council, and its various boards and committees shall be conducted pursuant to the latest edition of *Roberts Rules of Order*.