

State of Idaho



Department of State.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

IRA H. MASTERS

I, ~~JAMES K. JOHNSON~~ Secretary of State of the State of Idaho, and legal custodian of the corporation records of the State of Idaho, do hereby certify that the original of the articles of incorporation of

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD, INC., OF LEWISTON, IDAHO

was filed in the office of the Secretary of State on the **10th** day of **December**, A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred **Fifty-two** and is duly recorded on Film No. **77** of Record of Domestic Corporations of the State of Idaho, and that the said articles contain the statement of facts required by Sections 29-103, 29-1101 and 29-1102, Idaho Code, Annotated.

AND I FURTHER CERTIFY, That the persons executing the articles and their associates and successors are hereby constituted a corporation, by the name stated in the articles, and for **ninety nine years** from the date hereof, with its registered office in this State located at **Lewiston** in the County of **Nez Perce**, and as such are subject to the rights, privileges and limitations granted to Religious, Ex-Service Men, Benevolent, Charitable and Fraternal Corporations, as provided in Chapter 11, Title 29, Idaho Code, Annotated.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State. Done at Boise City, the Capital of Idaho, this **10th** day of **December**, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred **fifty-two**, and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred **Seventy-seventh**.

Ira H. Masters
Secretary of State.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD, INC., OF LEWISTON, IDAHO

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss
COUNTY OF NEZ PERCE)

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, STATE OF IDAHO;

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED:

Ross Senter, Clarkston, Washington

Edgar Armstrong, Clarkston, Washington

Eugene Gipson, Clarkston, Washington

Philip Kleweno, Lewiston, Idaho

Harry Smith, Juliaetta, Idaho

Floyd South, Lewiston, Idaho

E. J. Gordon, Lewiston, Idaho

being natural persons of the age of twenty one years or more,
and members in good standing of the religious association known
as the First Assembly of God, 0121 27th Street, Lewiston, Idaho,
do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, that on the 23rd day of November, 1952,
at the First Assembly of God Church, 0121 27th Street, Lewiston,
Idaho, at the hour of 6 pm, the members of the said church
association did meet for the purpose of organizing a religious
corporation, in accordance with the Laws of the State of Idaho
governing such corporations. The meeting was presided over
by the Rev. Norman L. Gardner, pastor of the church. There
are 62 members qualified to vote as of November 23, 1952,
on the roster of the church; 33 of such qualified members
were present at said meeting.

Upon the reading and presentation of these Articles of Incorporation, the following number of members present voted for the adoption of said articles 33; the number opposed none. The Articles of Incorporation were declared adopted. The following persons were nominated and elected as directors and trustees of the corporation, for the terms set forth opposite their respective names:

Ross Senter, Clarkston, Wash. - term expires December 31, 1952. Number of votes received 33.

Edgar Armstrong, Clarkston, Wash. - term expires December 31, 1953. Number of votes received 33. ✓

Eugene Gipson, Clarkston, Wash. - term expires December 31, 1954. Number of votes received 33.

Philip Kleweno, Lewiston, Idaho - term expires December 31, 1952. Number of votes received 33.

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Floyd South, Lewiston, Idaho - term expires December 31, 1953. Number of votes received 33.

E. J. Gordon, Lewiston, Idaho - term expires December 31, 1952. Number of votes received 33.

This statement of the proceedings at said meeting is hereby ✓
certified to be correct.

Rev. Norman L. Gardner
Rev. Norman L. Gardner
Pastor.

IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that in compliance with Section 30-1102 Chapter 11, Laws of the State of Idaho, notice of said meeting

was published in the Lewiston Morning Tribune, a daily newspaper published at Lewiston, Idaho, on the following dates: Saturday, November 8, 1952; Saturday, November 15, 1952; and Saturday, November 22, 1952. Also, that a copy of such legal notice as published in the newspaper was posted during such two weeks period on the regular and public bulletin board in the church building at 0121 27th Street, Lewiston, Idaho. Said legal notice as published in the newspaper and on the bulletin board contained the time, place, and purpose of holding the meeting above set forth.

Rev. Norman L. Gardner
Rev. Norman L. Gardner
Pastor and Presiding Officer

STATE OF IDAHO)
) - ss
COUNTY OF NEZ PERCE)

Before me this 1st day of ^{DECEMBER}~~November~~, 1952, appeared the Rev. Norman L. Gardner, Lewiston, Idaho, and acknowledged that he is pastor of the First Assembly of God Church, and that the above is a true and correct statement of the facts concerning the church meeting for the purpose of incorporation as set forth above.

Cliff Mickelson
Notary Public
State of Idaho
My commission expires My Commission Expires March 5, 1955

ARTICLE I

This corporation shall be known as the First Assembly of God, Inc., of Lewiston, Idaho.

ARTICLE II

The purposes of this corporation shall be:

1. To establish and maintain a place for worship.
2. To conduct under the guidance of the Holy Scriptures the work of evangelizing both the home and foreign field in obedience to the command of the Lord Jesus; and in harmony with the teaching practice of His servants, the apostles.
3. To establish such departments as may be necessary for the propagation of the gospel and the support of missionary activity.
4. To have the right to own, hold in trust, use, or otherwise possess; sell, convey, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of such property, real or chattel, as may be needed for the prosecution of its work.

ARTICLE III.

The duration of such corporation shall be ~~ninety-nine~~ years.

ARTICLE IV.

The registered office of such corporation shall be at 0121 27th Street, Lewiston, Idaho, or such other office within the City of Lewiston, Idaho, as may be purchased or established at future time.

ARTICLE V.

Inasmuch as the purpose of the corporation is solely religious, there shall be no capital stock, or no shares of any kind. The names of the incorporators shall be as set forth at the beginning of these Articles, together with the postoffice address of each.

ARTICLE VI.

For the government of this corporation, the following Constitution and By-Laws are adopted:

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of the FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD, INC.

Article I. Name

This church shall be known as First Assembly of God, Inc., of Lewiston, Idaho.

Article II. Purpose

The purposes shall be as set forth in ARTICLE II, Page 4, above.

Article III. Tenets of Faith

The Tenets of Faith of this church shall always be the same as those adopted by the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc., Springfield, Missouri, as set forth in the Statement of Fundamental Truths published by that body.

Article IV. Ordinances

The Ordinances of this church shall always be those approved and in general use among the churches of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri.

Article V. Membership

(a) The legal voting membership of the church shall consist of such persons as are in good standing, holding to the original articles of faith, and who have reached the age of eighteen (18) years.

(b) Young people, under eighteen (18) years of age may have the privilege of church membership, exclusive of the voting privilege.

Article VI. Finance

The church shall be financed according to the Scriptural method, by the tithes and offerings of its members.

Article VII

Official Board and Officers of the Church

- (a) The voting membership of the church shall choose and call pastors, deacons, trustees, and other officers in conformity with the Word of God and as the need of the church requires.
- (b) All, with the exception of salaried officers and servants, shall be elected from among the membership. ✓
- (c) The Official Board of the church shall be composed of the president, secretary, treasurer, deacons, trustees, the Sunday School superintendent, and the pastor of the church as ex-officio member.

Article VIII. Meetings

1. Regular Church Services -- The time of regular church services shall be determined by the vote of the membership.
2. Business Meetings of the Church -- (a) The annual business meeting of the church shall be held December 31st of each year. (b) Special business meetings of the church may be called: 1. By the president. 2. By the secretary of the church upon written request of a majority of the Official Board. 3. By the petition of the voting members of the church exercising the right of initiative. (c) Notice of all regular or special business meetings of the church shall be given not less than ten days before the date of the proposed meeting by announcement from the pulpit on two preceding Sundays; and shall be in writing and posted when required by law. (d) The presence of 50% of active voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the church. ✓

Article IX. Right of Initiative

Any member may exercise the right of initiative in the calling of a special business meeting of the church by presenting a request signed. ✓

by at least one-third of the voting membership of the church to the president or secretary of the church, who shall proceed to issue a call for the said meeting as prescribed in Article 8 (c) of the Constitution.

Article X. Amendments

Amendments to this constitution may be made by a two-thirds vote of the active voting membership of the church at any regular or special business meeting; provided, however, that notice shall be given, as provided in Article 8 (c) of the Constitution, setting forth the proposed amendment or amendments.

BY-LAWS

Article I. Order

In order to conduct the business of the church in an orderly and satisfactory manner, business meetings shall be governed by the accepted rules of parliamentary procedure as provided for in Robert's Rules of Order.

Article II. Membership

Section I. The Standard of Membership. The standard of membership of this church shall be: (a) Evidence of a genuine experience in regeneration (the new birth). John 1.12, 13. 3.3-8; I Pet. 1.18-25. (b) Evidence of a consistent Christian life. Rom. 6.4; 8.1-4; 13.13-14; Eph. 4.17-32; 5.1-2, 15; I John 1.6-7. (c) To fully subscribe to the tenets of faith as is set forth in Article III of the Constitution. (d) Willingness to contribute regularly to the support of the church according to his other ability. (e) Divorce and remarriage previous to conversion: 1. There are now among Christian people those who became entangled in their marriage relations previous to their conversion and Scriptural enlightenment, and who do not see how these matters can be adjusted. We recommend that these cases be left in the hands of the Lord, and that they walk in the light of God as it shines on their souls.

2. Low standards of marriage and divorce are very hurtful to the individual, to the family, and to the cause of Christ. Therefore we discourage divorce by all lawful means and teachings of the Holy Scripture. We positively disapprove of Christians getting divorced for any cause except the sins of adultery or fornication (Matt. 19.9); and we recommend the remaining single of all divorced Christians, and that they pray God to so keep them in all purity and peace, I. Cor. 7.

3. Therefore be it resolved that all persons eligible for church membership who have such a problem shall be permitted fellowship in this church with the following restrictions: No divorced and remarried persons shall be permitted the right to hold any office in the church or Sunday school. I Tim. 3.12; Titus 1.6. 4. The motive of this church is adopting the above resolution is not to inflict further suffering and inconvenience on any beloved fellow Christians who have become involved in divorce; but rather to maintain a high standard for present and future conduct of all its members. (f) Divorce and remarriage after conversion: No persons divorced and remarried after conversion are eligible for membership while having two living companions or whose husband or wife has two living companions. Mark 10.11-12; Luke 16.18.

Section II. Reception of Members. Persons desiring to become active members of the church shall make the fact known to the pastor and deacons, who together, shall examine the applicant according to the standard of membership.

Section III. Discipline. (a) Members should take heed unto themselves and consider one another to provoke unto love and good works. If any member should assume an unchristian attitude or err in the fundamental doctrines of the Holy Scriptures his attention should lovingly be called to this by a fellow member who really knows the true condition

of the erring member. If true repentance does not follow or the matter cannot thus be satisfactorily settled, the case should be called to the attention of the pastor or to one of the deacons. If this does not bring the desired result the deacon board as a whole should consider the matter. If the deacon board is unable to come to a desirable conclusion in the case it should be placed before the church, which alone has the jurisdiction to expel a member. (b) If a member moves away from the parish he should notify the pastor or, in his absence, the secretary of the church and receive a letter of transfer. If a member moves without making it known, or otherwise withdraws from the fellowship of the church, he shall after one year be considered to have forfeited his membership.

Article III. Finance

1. All moneys received from offerings and all other sources shall be deposited by the treasurer in a bank designated by the official board.
2. The disbursement of all funds shall be under the supervision of the official board.
3. The pastor shall be given regular and adequate financial support, the amount of which shall be determined by agreement between the pastor and the official board and ratified by a majority of the members of the church present at a regular or special business meeting.

Article IV. Property Rights

Section 1. (a) All property, real or chattel, shall be taken, held, sold, transferred, or conveyed in the church corporate name. (b) No real or chattel property of the assembly shall be sold, leased, mortgaged or otherwise alienated without the same shall have been authorized by at least a majority vote of the voting membership. (c) The president and the secretary of the church shall certify in such conveyance, lease, or mortgage, that the same has been duly authorized by the vote of the church. Such certificate shall be held to be conclusive evidence thereof. (d) The pastor of this church shall be a minister in good and regular standing of the General Council of the Assemblies of God and of the Northwest District of the Assemblies of God

and shall comply with the scriptural and Assembly of God standards for the ministry. I. Tim. 3.2-7; Titus 1.6-9; I Pet. 5.2-3. (e) In the event that the Assembly or church herein named ceases to function as a church body in full and complete cooperation with the Assemblies of God and with the District Council of the Assemblies of God, then the property, real or chattel, shall immediately become the property of the Northwest District Council of the Assemblies of God, a Washington corporation. The said Northwest District Council of the Assemblies of God shall have the authority to take full and complete possession of said property and use or dispose of it at its discretion for the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, without any interference or action by anyone.

Article V. Character & Duties of Officers

1. Pastor -- The pastor shall be a tried and true Christian according to the prescription of the Apostle Paul, I Tim 3.2-7. He shall be the spiritual head of the church; he shall have at heart the spiritual nurture and care of the congregation, and through the preaching and teaching of the true and living Word of God cause her to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As much as his time and strength shall permit, he shall visit the sick and the suffering within the congregation, and without partiality show love and sympathy to all.
2. Deacons -- The deacons shall be tried and true Christians according to the prescription of the Apostle Paul, Acts 6.3; I Tim. 3.8-13. They shall watch over the spiritual life within the church and care for the sick, poor and suffering, and they shall, in the absence of the pastor, assist the president of the church in the leading of the public services of the church. From among themselves they may elect a chairman, a secretary and such other officers as may be necessary and organize themselves into a Board of Deacons.
3. Trustees -- The trustees shall have charge of the finances of the church, have charge of and keep all its valuable papers and all its property, and make necessary repairs. They may elect from among them-

selves a chairman, a secretary and such other officers as may be necessary and organize themselves into a Board of Trustees. They shall, from among their own number, elect a financial secretary whose duties shall be to receive and keep records of all monies received by the church and shall make such reports to the church as shall be required of him by the church.

4. Official Board -- The official board shall have regular meetings each month to consider the business and other affairs of the church, and make suggestions and recommendations to the church concerning the work of the church as a whole.

5. President -- The pastor may and should be the president of the corporation. The duties of the president shall be to be the chairman of all business meetings of the church and official board, keep good order, repel improper speech and attacks against the character of others, and keep the discussion in order within the limits of the question before the assembly.

6. Secretary -- (a) The secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of all business meetings of the church and official board. (b) He shall be the custodian of all legal documents and be in possession of the corporate seal.

7. Treasurer -- The treasurer shall receive all moneys coming to the church, disburse them according to the decisions made by the church or the official board. He shall keep exact record books and give a report of the condition of the treasury at each regular business meeting of the church, and whenever the trustees request such report. He shall, at the end of the year, close the books and give to the annual meeting a complete financial report.

8. All other officers of the church shall be brethren with a good reputation, stable character and qualities fitting them for their respective positions.

9. Auditors shall annually be appointed by the church, and their duties shall be to audit all financial accounts of the church and its various departments and give a report of these audits to the annual meeting.

Article VI. Elections

(a) The pastor of the church shall be called for an indefinite period of time and with a provision calling for three months notice of his subsequent resignation or request by the church for his resignation, except as otherwise decided and ordered. He shall be called with a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting at a business meeting called for the purpose of calling a pastor. (b) The deacons shall be not less than five in number, and shall be elected for a period of one year. (c) The trustees shall be seven in number, and shall be elected for a period of three years. (d) The president, secretary and treasurer, the Sunday school superintendent and any other officer of the church shall be elected for a period of one year, by the church. (e) Regular elections of the official board and other officers and servants of the church shall take place at the annual meeting of the church with closed ballot. (f) In case of a vacancy in any office this vacancy may be filled as the occasion demands it at a business meeting of the church. (g) The official board may appoint a nominating committee of seven who shall present to the annual meeting nominations for all vacancies to be filled at said meeting. Further nominations may be made from the floor. A majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary to elect, and if there should be no election on a ballot the two receiving the highest votes shall be balloted upon until an election is declared. (h) Any office may be declared vacant by an act of a majority of the voting membership at any regular or special business meeting. Ground for such actions shall be: 1. Unscriptural conduct. 2. Radical departure from the tenets of faith. 3. Incompetency in office. 4. For any other good and sufficient cause. ((a)) A complaint may be lodged against an incumbent in office

and brought before the church for action by any member exercising the right of initiative as described in Article IX of the Constitution, or upon the recommendation of the official board. ((b)) Any incumbent under charges shall have opportunity for a fair and impartial hearing of his case before the church if he so desires. ((c)) In the case of a pastor's removal from office a report of such action shall be made to the District offidiary. Such action is not to be considered as otherwise affecting the standing of the pastor with the General Council fellowship.

Article VII. Young People's Societies

There should be a young people's society created under the supervision of the pastor and the church board, which shall be conducted as a department of the church.

Article VIII. Sunday School

- (a) There shall be a Sunday school conducted as a department of the church under the general supervision of the pastor and the church board.
- (b) The superintendent of the Sunday school shall be elected by the members of the church at the annual business meeting. (c) Other officers such as secretary and financial secretary of the Sunday school may be elected by the teachers of the Sunday school at any of their regular or special meetings. (d) The superintendent, secretary and financial secretary of the Sunday school, together with the pastor, president of the church and the chairman of the deacon board, shall constitute an executive committee of the Sunday school to supervise its activities, appoint teachers and fill vacancies as necessity demands.
- (e) All funds of the Sunday school shall be turned over by the Sunday school financial secretary to the church treasurer and disbursed by him in conformity with Article V, Section 7, of these By-Laws.

Article IX. Civil Government

WHEREAS, the Scriptures declare that government is of God; the powers that be are ordained of God as ministers of good to the governed. Who-soever therefore resists the power resists the ordinances of God.

Wherefore we are subject not only for wrath but also for conscience' sake; rendering to all their due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor, Rom. 13.1-7, and

WHEREAS, We, as citizens, are thankful to God and this nation for all the privileges enjoyed under its laws, and for the freedom under its constitution to worship God after the dictates of our own conscience, and

WHEREAS, The Bible teaches us, "Thou shall not kill", and "Love ye your enemies", therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this church hereby declares its loyalty to our Government and to state our fixed purpose to assist in every way morally possible, consistent with our faith,

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED: That this church shall go on record as being opposed to bearing arms in time of war, and claim the privilege in time of national danger of serving in non-combatative service.

Article X. Amendments

Amendments to the By-Laws may be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting membership of the church that are present in any of its regular or special meetings.

SIGNED

Rev. Norman L. Landon
Ross Senter
E. J. Gardan
Philip H. Stevens
Howard Smith
Eugene Gibson
Edgar Armstrong

Incorporators

OATH OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss
COUNTY OF NEZ PERCE)

I Ole Michelson a Notary Public, in and for the
State of Idaho, do hereby certify that on the 1st day of
~~NOVEMBER~~ DECEMBER, 1952, personally appeared before me the above and
severally acknowledged that they signed the above document in the
capacity of incorporators, and declared that the statements con-
tained therein are true.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day
and year above written.

Ole Michelson
Notary Public
My commission expires My Commission Expires March 5, 1955