

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

I, ARNOLD WILLIAMS, 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

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CHALLIS, IDAHO, INC.

was filed in the office of the Secretary of State on the Nineteenth day of January,

A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-two and is duly recorded on Film No. 114 of Record of Domestic Corporations of the State of Idaho, and that the said articles contain the statement of facts required by Sections 30-103, 30-1101 and 30-1102, Idaho Code.

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 perpetual existence from the date hereof, with its registered office in this State located at in the County of Custer 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 30, Idaho Code.

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 day of January, A.D., 19 62.

Secretary of State.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CHALLIS, IDAHO, INC.

PREAMBLE

The Community Church of Challis, Idaho, a corporation under the laws of the State of Idaho, in order to more fully express the oneness of all Christians in Christ and to more effectively serve Him and His Kingdom in this world, hereby adopts this Constitution.

This church acknowledges as it's sole Head, Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of men. It acknowledges as brethern in Christ, all who share in this confession. It looks to the Word of God in the Holy Bible and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, to prosper it's creative and redemptive work in the world. It claims as its own the faith of the historic Church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers. It affirms the responsibility of this Church in each generation to make this faith its own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God.

This church recognizes the Bible as the sufficient rule of faith and practice, and holds that living in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ is the true test of fellowship. Each member shall have the undisturbed right to follow the Word of God according to the dictates of his own conscience, under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit. The following statement of faith, therefore, is not a test but an expression of the spirit in which this church interprets the Word of God.

We believe in God, the eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify:

- He calls the worlds into being, creates man in his own image and sets before him the ways of life and death.
- He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.
- He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.
- In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to himself.
- He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.
- He calls us into his Church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be his servants in the service of men, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.
- He promises to all who trust him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, his presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. AMEN.

While this church is amenable to no ecclesiastical judicatory, it accepts the obligations of mutual council, comity and cooperation involved in the free fellowship of the United Church of Christ and pledges itself to share its common aims and work through the activities of the Idaho Association of the United Church of Christ and the Intermountain Conference of the United Church of Christ, or their successors.

The provisions herein define and regulate the Community

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Church of Challis, Idaho, and pursuant thereto certify as follows:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation shall be The Community Church of Challis, Idaho, This corporation is to succeed to the First Congregational Church of Challis, Idaho, originally incorporated under the laws of the State of Idaho on or about December 6, 1892. This corporation is to assume responsibility for all indebtedness and other contractual obligations entered into by it's predecessor.

ARTICLE II - PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

The Post Office address, registered office and place of general business of this corporation shall be located in the Village of Challis, Custer County, Idaho.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

The purposes and objects of this corporation shall be that of binding together the followers of Jesus Christ for the purpose of sharing in the worship of God and in making His will dominant in the lives of men, individually and collectively, especially as that will is set forth in the life, teachings, death and living presence of Jesus Christ and in connection therewith to:

- (a) Buy, exchange, contract for, lease and in any and all other ways acquire, take, hold and own, and to deal in, sell, mortgage, lease give or otherwise dispose of real or personal property.
- (b) Borrow money with or without security and to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue bonds, notes and other obligations, and to mortgage, pledge and hypothecate any evidence of indebtedness and any other property, real or personal, held by it; to lend money either without any collateral security or on the security of real or personal property and to enter into contracts ofall kinds pertaining thereto.
- (c) Hold, operate and manage any and all real and personal property belonging to the church, and if authorized to do so, of any other church or religious body.
- (d) Receive, hold, invest, reinvest and disburse such monies and properties as shall be given, entrusted, bequeathed, or in any other manner given to or acquired by it.
- (e) Do all and everything necessary and proper for the accomplishment of the objects herein enumerated, or necessary, incidental or conducive to the establishment, maintenance, and furtherance or the religious and benevolent work of the corporation, its members and organizations, and to the protection and benefit of the corporation and its members, and in general to carry on any lawful activity necessary or incidental to the attainment of the objects and purposes of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV - DURATION

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

The members of this church shall be persons who have publicly accepted its statement of faith as enumerated in the by-laws.

ARTICLE VI. - SERVICES AND MEETINGS

The services and meetings of the church shall be as follows:

- 1. Worship and Education.
 - (a) <u>Services of Worship</u> and of instruction shall be held at given hours each Sunday, and at such other times as the church may determine.
- Business Meetings.
 - (a) Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held the second Wednesday in January each year, following public announcement at Sunday Services of Worship for at least two weeks in advance, and after each member has received written notice to hear the yearly reports of the officers, and organizations, transact business, elect new officers, adopt the annual budget, and set up plans for the new year.
 - (b) Regular Services as business meetings. The regular Sunday Service shall be considered competent, in case of necessity, for the transaction of business; with the exception of corporate action requiring legal notice.
 - (c) <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings for business may be called by the pastor, or the church council, and are to be called according to the same procedure necessary for the annual meeting.
 - (d) Quorum. A Quorum shall consist of twenty (20) members of this corporation.

ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Authorization.

Except as limited elsewhere in these articles or in the by-laws of the Church the business and affairs of the Church shall be vested in and managed and controlled by a board of no less than nine (9) and no more than (15) fifteen directors as hereinafter provided for, who shall be elected by the members of the church for a designated period of time and, who shall continue in office until such time as their successors are elected and qualified.

2. Members and Officers.

The following nine (9) persons shall constitute the

minimum representation on the Board of Directors of this Church, hereinafter known as the Church Council:

- a. The Church Clerk, elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year.
- b. The Church Treasurer, elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year.
- c. The Financial Secretary, elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year.
- d. Six Members at large, two (2) of which are elected at each annual meeting to serve a term of three (3) years.

Additional members, to a maximum of fifteen (15), shall be added to this Board and shall consist of the presidents of any womans', mens', youth or other organizations which are actively concerned with the church and are using its property.

The minister of the church shall serve as an ex officio member and as chairman of the Church Council (Board of Directors) provided, however, that the Church Council may, in the absence of the minister or by its own preference, exclude the minister from its meetings and select a chairman from among its own members.

3. Meetings.

The Church Council (Board of Directors) shall meet monthly and at such other times as it may determine.

4. Quorum.

A simple majority of the members of the Church Council (Board of Directors) shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII - BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of this corporation may be made, altered, amended or rescinded by the Church Council provided, however, that no By-Law, present or future shall be inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the church by vote of a majority of a quorum of church members present provided however, that public notice, designating the proposed date and place of meeting and the manner in which it is intended to amend the Articles of Incorporation has appeared once a week for four weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in and around the corporation's place of general business.

ARTICLE X - LIABILITY

The private property of the members, and/or officers of this corporation shall not be liable for any obligations or debts of the corporation, and enumeration in these articles or any By-Laws of responsibilities and duties of any members, officers or employees shall not alter the terms of this Article or fasten any legal liability upon such persons.

ARTICLE XI - RATIFICATION

These Articles of Incorporation were authorized by a majority vote of the members of this organization on January 10, 1962, at a meeting held at 7:30 P.M. in the Community Church of Challis, Idaho. At this occasion the following directors were elected to serve as incorporators of this corporation: Roberta H. Green , Beulah N. Rood , Boyd Ressel , Fred Siebe , David Allen Philps , William Hammond , Joe W. Ebberts , Oliver T. Davis , and Eva B. Mann , all of Challis, Idaho.

This meeting was held only after publication of proper legal notice in the Challis Messenger, a newspaper having general circulation in Custer County, Idaho, in four successive weekly issues immediately prior to this meeting; and, after posting of public notice for two weeks immediately prior to this meeting, in a conspicuous place on the premises of the Community Church of Challis, Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We, the undersigned, as incorporators, after each having filed application for membership, have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this 10th day of January, 1962 director

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Attest:

Presiding

STATE OF IDAHO SS. County of Custer)

On this 11th day of January, 1962, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho, personally appeared ROBERTA H. GREEN, BEULAH N. ROOD, BOYD RESSEL, FRED SIEBE, DAVID ALLEN PHILPS, WILLIAM HAMMOND, JOE W. EBBERTS, OLIVER T. DAVIS, and EVA B. MANN, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

> Maho, Residing at Challis, therein My Commission expires 3/17/64