

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 265 of 1909**

**458.203 Certificate; signatures; acknowledgment; filing copy with department of commerce; trustees, successors, and members as body corporate; form of certificate.**

Sec. 3. The certificate shall be signed by the persons chosen as trustees, duly acknowledged by the signers of the certificate, and 1 copy of the duplicate certificate shall be filed with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce. Thereafter the trustees and their successors, together with the members of the church, and those who may later become members, shall be a body corporate by the name given in the certificate, which certificate may be in the following form:

We, the persons whose names are subscribed to this certificate, are the persons elected by the members of ..... Presbyterian church of ..... to act as the first board of trustees of a corporation to be organized out of the membership of the church under Act No. 265 of the Public Acts of 1909.

Pursuant to the provisions of that act we do hereby certify that the members of the church did, on the ..... day of ..... , 19..... , at a meeting then held pursuant to notice of the proposed action given at 2 previous regular meetings, the first of which was held on the ..... day of ..... , 19..... , adopt the articles of association hereinafter set forth at length, as appears by the record of the action, a copy of which is as follows:

A meeting of the ..... Presbyterian church was held this ..... day of ..... , 19..... , at ..... in the ..... of ..... in the county of ..... , in the state of Michigan, pursuant to notice given at a regular meeting of this church on the ..... day of ..... , 19..... , and again at another regular meeting of this church held on the ..... day of ..... , 19..... . At this meeting articles of association were presented with a view to the organization of a corporation as an auxiliary to this church. The articles of association were, by a majority vote of the members of this church then present, adopted in the form following:

Articles of association of the Presbyterian church of ..... .

The members of ..... Presbyterian church of ..... , desiring to become incorporated under Act No. 265 of the Public Acts of 1909, entitled, as amended, "An act to provide for the incorporation of Presbyterian churches; and to impose certain duties upon the department of commerce," do hereby adopt the following articles of association:

First, The name assumed by this corporation and by which it shall be known in law is ..... Presbyterian church of ..... ;

Second, The location of the church shall be in the ..... of ..... in the county of ..... in the state of Michigan;

Third, The purpose of this incorporation is to create a body which may, in accord with the form of government, discipline, rules and usages of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and subject to the civil law, manage and control the property and secular affairs of the church aforesaid;

Fourth, The trustees of this corporation shall be ..... in number. At the first election of trustees under these articles, ..... trustees shall be elected for a term of 1 year, ..... trustees shall be elected for a term of 2 years, and ..... trustees shall be elected for a term of 3 years, such terms to begin at the date of the annual meeting of such corporation. At each subsequent annual meeting persons shall be elected to succeed those trustees whose terms of office then expire and to fill the vacancies in the office of trustees as may then exist, the trustees to be chosen by ballot;

Fifth, The annual meeting of this corporation shall be held on the ..... in each year for the election of trustees and for the transaction of other business as may properly come before it.

At the meeting so held ..... and ..... were elected as the first board of trustees of the corporation so to be formed, by a majority vote of the members of the church. Of these persons a majority in number are members of the church. They were directed to make the certificate provided for in section 2 of Act No. 265 of the Public Acts of 1909, properly sign and acknowledge the same and cause the same to be properly recorded.

In witness whereof we, the said trustees, for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the act aforesaid, hereunto sign our names.

Done at the ..... of ..... , county of ..... and state of Michigan this ..... day of ..... , A.D. 19....

(Signatures.)

(Residences.)

State of Michigan,

County of .....

On this ..... day of ..... , A.D. 19....., before me, a ..... , in and for said county, personally

appeared ....., known to me to be the persons named in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same freely and for the intents and purposes therein mentioned.

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