

The State of South Carolina } **CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION**
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT } **BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

WHEREAS, T. D. Burdette, Rt. 1, Simpsonville, S. C.
 Reid Christopher, Rt. 1, Box 377, Simpsonville, S. C.
 A. Paul Watson, Rt. 1, Simpsonville, S. C.

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two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise or manage the affairs of

BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH, SIMPSONVILLE, S. C.

which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the 1st day of February, A. D. 1967, file with the Secretary of State a written declaration setting forth:

That, at a meeting of the aforesaid organization held pursuant to the by-laws or regulations of the said organization, they were authorized and directed to apply for incorporation.

That, the said organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common for Religious, Educational, Social, Fraternal, Charitable or other eleemosynary purpose, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not organized for the purpose of profit or gain to the members, otherwise than is above stated, nor for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days' notice in the **Greenville News**, a newspaper published in the County of **Greenville**, has been given that the aforesaid Declaration would be filed.

AND WHEREAS, Said Declarants and Petitioners further declared and affirmed:

FIRST: Their names and residences are as above given.

SECOND: The name of the proposed Corporation is **BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH, SIMPSONVILLE, S. C.**

THIRD: The place at which it proposes to have its headquarters or be located is **Route 1, Simpsonville, S. C.**

FOURTH: The purpose of the said proposed Corporation is to operate a church to support the doctrine of The Methodist Church which church and all of its property, both real and personal, shall be subject to the laws, usages and ministerial appointments of The Methodist Church as are now or shall be from time to time established, made, and declared by the lawful authority of said church. The Board of Directors of the corporation shall be the Board of Trustees of the local church elected and organized as prescribed in the Discipline of The Methodist Church.

The corporation shall have the power to acquire and hold title in fee simple, in trust, or otherwise, to both real and personal property and to improve, encumber, sell, convey and dispose of all such property in conformity with the Discipline of The Methodist Church. Subject to the provisions of the Discipline, the corporation shall have the power to erect and maintain buildings for the worship of God, for training in Christian faith and conduct, and for Christian intercourse, and to acquire or build and maintain residences for the use and occupancy of its ministers. The by-laws of the corporation shall include the Discipline of The Methodist Church as from time to time enacted, authorized, and declared by its General Conference; and no other by-law shall be adopted inconsistent with the provisions of the Discipline. The members of the corporation shall be the members of the Quarterly Conference, or such other body of the local church as the local laws may permit or require. If for any reason, the corporation shall cease to exist as a legal entity and its charter shall expire or be terminated, the title to all its property, both real and personal, shall be vested in the trustees of the Annual Conference, if the Annual Conference itself is unincorporated, in the same manner as it holds title to any other real estate, or in the Annual Conference in its corporate name if it is incorporated; and all such property shall be held in

trust for the benefit of the local church, said corporation shall also be authorized to do all other acts authorized by law.

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