Second Baptist Church
City of Detroit

This 26th day of January, 1852, in the City of Detroit, State of Michigan, I, the undersigned,
William R. Mann, pastor of the said church, do certify, that the said church was convened
and held its regular church meeting on the second day of February, 1852, during which
the said church adopted the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the said church, being at peace with all the brethren, do hold its regular
church meeting as soon as possible in the evening.

A true copy of the minutes of said church and of the conference accredited thereof.

William R. Mann
Pastor.
of the corporation before being delegated. The
transition of the present Baptist Church of the city
of Detroit, and this corporation, shall have and
enjoy the full and absolute power, duties, and li-
bilities provided by said Act.

Second. The corporation is organized for the
purpose of maintaining divine worship, and the
rules and ceremonies of the Christian religion, in ac-
cordance with the same, customs and doctrine of
the Baptist denomination.

Third. Members of this corporation shall consist
exclusively of persons who are

Baptist denomination and shall not be subject to
elitement of due process in the Standing
rules, made and promul-
gated by the Church, and having any
shall be entitled to vote at any Church meeting.

Fourth. The officers of this Church for the time
being shall consist of the com-
mittee, a deacon, and a deacon. The first
head of the committee shall consist of the following per-
sons who have been elected for elected by:
S. H. Snavely, William D. Smith, and Charles B. Young
was the said to be deacon, and the said
and have been elected for elected by:

said committee shall hold his
may until the first Monday of January

said committee shall hold his

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On the third day of the month of January, the third day of the month of January, after the election, the board shall hold its first meeting of the board. The board shall then appoint the officers of the board, and the election shall be held by election of any member of the board. The board shall then proceed to fill any vacancies in the board, and in case of the failure to elect officers or trustees at the regular annual meeting, the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the board, and the officers elected shall act as trustees of the officers of the board.

In the event of the death of any of the trustees, the same shall be removed from the board, and the board shall then appoint trustees to fill the vacancies so created. The board shall then proceed to fill any vacancies in the board, and in case of the failure to elect officers or trustees at the regular annual meeting, the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the board, and the officers elected shall act as trustees of the officers of the board.

Trustee. The said trustees shall have the power and duties ascribed to the board, and shall be subject to the conditions and restrictions provided by said act, and the other officers who may be appointed shall perform the usual duties of such officers, and all the officers of the board shall be subject to the direction of the board and to the direction of the board of trustees, and shall act in conformity with such rules and regulations as may be adopted. The board shall meet once a month to adopt regulations to fill any vacancies in the board, and the same may be amended from time to time, but in case of the death of any of the trustees, the same shall be removed from the board, and the board shall then appoint trustees to fill the vacancies so created.
According to the minutes of the meeting, the articles of incorporation were requested and constructed to ensure articles of incorporation and to submit the same to the next for subsequent amendment or regular board meeting of this Church, and whereas at this present meeting, said articles in accordance with said resolutions have submitted to these meeting articles of incorporation as previously prepared by them, and said articles have been read in the presence of this meeting, it is resolved that the articles of incorporation as submitted be and they are hereby adopted, and the members here present do consent, advise and appoint the certificate provided for by Section 1 of the 16th Law of 1879.

Thereupon on motion said resolution was adopted.

Mr. William R. Doe, presiding officer and Mr. John Smith, secretary, of the meeting held as of hereon the 2nd day of February 1879 at which the proceedings for declaring the original incorporation and then do certify that the foregoing containing a true and correct record of the proceedings and the said William R. Doe and John Smith and Edward White, Jr., do hereby certify that the certificate hereinof the Church organized as the chairman of the board of original incorporation is the present address of the church being of 1561 North Street, hereinafter in every capacity on the City.
In presence of

William H. Clapp

Manufield H. Towne

Charles H. West

Orange P. Johnson

William H. Williams

State of Michigan
County of Wayne

On the 16th day of June 1873 before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate of the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, personally appeared

Charles H. West

Orange P. Johnson

William H. Williams

John H. Towne

Mary H. Williams

Wife

Samuel H. Williams

Witnesses

May 16, 1873

I, Casper J. Lingeman, Clerk of Wayne County, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, do hereby certify, that the above and the foregoing certificate of Resolution

was introduced in the action entitled "Weber v. Weber," as appears of record in my office. That I have examined the above with the record, and it is true in all respects the same, and of this I swear.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and sealed the record of the said Court and County, at Detroit, this 16th day of May, 1873.

Caspar J. Lingeman, Clerk

Notary Public

State of Michigan
County of Wayne
CERTIFICATE OF THE DISSOLUTION
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
OF THE CITY OF DETROIT
AND THE
INCORPORATION
OF THE
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
OF THE
CITY OF DETROIT

This is to certify that on Sunday the Twenty-first day of January 1883 and on Sunday the Twenty-eighth day of January 1883 during Divine services held at the meeting house on Croghan Street in the City of Detroit, State of Michigan, occupied by the Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit public notice was given to the Church and Society to meet with said Church for the purpose of dissolving the corporation with which said Church was connected. Said Notice was given by William R. Davis in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Church at its regular Church meeting whereby the said William R. Davis as Moderator of said meeting was instructed to give such notice. The nature of said notice is more specifically set forth in the resolution first herein after mentioned and said notice was given strictly as set forth in said resolution. Thereafter, on the second day of February 1883 being the time specified in said notice said church held its regular covenant meeting at eight o'clock in the evening in said meeting house.

A quorum of the members of said Church and of the Corporation connected therewith was present. Elder William R. Davis was elected Moderator and M. A. Johnson Clerk and Secretary. After prayer by the Moderator the following resolution was offered by M. A. Johnson

"Whereas this present meeting is a regular covenant meeting of the Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit, and due public notice was given on the last two Sundays preceding the holding of
this present meeting to the Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit and to the Trustees of the Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit and to the Corporation or Religious Society and to all members thereof connected with this Church by whatever name such Corporation or religious Society is legally designated, to meet with the Church at the present meeting for the purpose of dissolving the Corporation with a view of organizing as a Baptist Church under the provisions of Act number 225 of the Session Laws of 1879 of this State and Whereas in the opinion of the majority of all the members here present of this Church and of the Corporation or Religious Society by whatever name the same is designated connected with this Church and which is the only corporation or religious Society with which said Church is connected and is commonly known by the name of the Trustees of the Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit. It is expedient that such corporation or religious Society be dissolved and that a Baptist Church be organized as its legal successor under the provisions of said Act. Therefore it is resolved that the said corporation or religious Society be and the same is hereby dissolved and the members here present do hereby consent to such dissolution. Said resolution was on motion unanimously adopted.

Thereupon the said The Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit then and there assembled in Covenant meeting did proceed by ballot in accordance with the usage and custom of said Church to the election of three Trustees with the powers and duties and purposes contemplated by Act No. 225 of the Session Laws of 1879 of this State. The following persons, to-wit:
N. C. Saunders, William R. Smith and Charles W. Thompson were duly elected by the Church as such trustees and their election was declared by the Moderator. Thereupon Brother R. H. Warner offered the following resolution, to wit: "Whereas the following persons, to wit:
N. C. Saunders, William A. Smith, and Charles W. Thompson have been duly elected Trustees of this Church with the powers and duties and for the purposes contemplated by Act No. 225 of the Session Laws of 1879 of this State and whereas this Church desires to become incorporated and to have and possess corporate powers and privileges under said Act. Therefore Resolved that the persons above named who have been elected be and they are hereby requested and instructed to act as trustees for this Church and to prepare and execute suitable Articles of Corporation in accordance with the provisions of said Act, and to submit the same to the next or some subsequent Covenant or Regular Church meeting of this Church. On motion said resolution was adopted and whereupon said meeting adjourned.

We the undersigned do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution of said Church authorizing the preparation of the Articles of Corporation and that the following is a true copy of vote or resolution of the Church adopting such Articles at its regular Church meeting held March 28th, 1883, to wit: "The Church held its regular Church meeting at the meeting house this evening at twenty minutes past eight o'clock. Elder W. R. Davis was made Moderator; a quorum was present. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator; the minutes of the last regular church meeting were read and approved. The trustees submitted Articles of Corporation which they were heretofore directed to prepare said Articles of Corporation were read and adopted article by article without a dissenting vote. Said Articles of incorporation read as follows:

"Articles of Incorporation of the Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit.

First. This Corporation shall be known and designated as the Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit and is organized under the provisions of Act number 225 of the session Laws of 1879 of the State of Michigan, as the legal successor of the Corporation heretofore existing, designated, "The Trustees of the Second Baptist
Church of the City of Detroit* and this corporation shall have and possess the full corporate powers, duties and liabilities prescribed by said Act.

Second. This corporation is organized for the purposes of sustaining divine worship and the rites and Sacraments of the Christian religion, in accordance with the usages, customs and doctrines of the Baptist denomination.

Third. Members of this corporation shall consist exclusively of persons who are communicants in accordance with the customs and doctrines of the Baptist denomination and who are also regular attendants upon divine worship in the building occupied by this Church; and such persons only shall be entitled to vote at any church meeting.

Fourth. The officers of this Church for the transaction of its secular business shall consist of three Trustees, a Treasurer, a Clerk and a Sexton. The first board of trustees shall consist of the following persons who have been heretofore elected, viz: C. C. Saunders, William R. Smith and Charles W. Thompson; and the said C. C. Saunders shall hold his said office until the first Wednesday in January 1884; the said Charles W. Thompson until the first Wednesday in January 1885; and the said W. W. Smith until the first Wednesday in January 1886. The first Clerk shall be W. A. Johnson. The first Treasurer shall be Samuel Gibbs and the first Sexton shall be William Johnson said persons having been heretofore duly elected; and they shall hold their respective offices until the first Wednesday in January 1884.

Fifth. At each regular election to be hereafter held there shall be elected one trustee, also a treasurer, Clerk and Sexton; and the term of office of all such officers other than trustees who may be hereafter elected shall expire on the first Wednesday in January next ensuing their election and the term of office of all trustees who may be hereafter elected shall expire on the first Wednesday of the third January after their election. Vacancies in office may be filled by election at any meeting of the Church provided that notice of said election shall have been given upon the two Sundays next preceding
such election; and in case of the failure to elect officers or trustees at the regular annual election, the vacancy or vacancies caused thereby may be filled in like manner; and persons elected either as trustees or other officers to fill vacancies, from whatever cause arising shall continue in office during the unexpired term portion of the term.

Sixth. The said trustees shall have the powers and duties and shall be subject to the liabilities and restrictions provided by said Act and the other officers above mentioned shall perform the usual duties of such officers under the direction of the Church and in conformity with such rules and regulations as may be adopted.

Seventh. The Church may at any meeting adopt rules and by-laws for its government not inconsistent with these Articles or the law of the land, and the same may be amended from time to time; but no such rules or by-laws shall be adopted or amended unless on the two Sundays next preceding, public notice, signed by at least seven members, shall have been given of the intention to propose such rules, by-laws, or amendments, and of the time and place when and where they will be offered for adoption.

Eighth. All business meetings of the Church shall, when possible, be held in the regular Church building."

Thereupon M. A. Johnson offered the following resolution "Whereas at a regular covenant meeting of this Church held on the second day of February 1863, N. C. Saunders, William R. Smith, and Charles W. Thompson, trustees, were requested and instructed to prepare Articles of Corporation, and to submit the same to the next or some subsequent covenant or regular Church meeting of this Church; and whereas at this present meeting, said trustees in accordance with said resolution have submitted to this meeting Articles of Corporation previously prepared by them, and said Articles have been read in the presence of this meeting, it is resolved that the Articles of Corporation so submitted be and they are hereby adopted; and the members here present do consent thereto; and do consent and request that the said trustees execute and acknowledge the Certificate provided for by
Section one of Act number 225 of the session Laws of 1879.

Thereupon on Motion said resolution was adopted.

We, William R. Davis; presiding officer and M. A. Johnson, Secretary, of the meeting held as aforesaid on the 2nd day of February 1883 at which the proceedings for dissolving the original corporation were taken, do certify that the foregoing contains a true account of such dissolution and we the said N. C. Saunders, William R. Smith and Elijah Willis, trustees elected as aforesaid do certify - First. That the corporate name of the Church organized as the successor of the said original Corporation is "The Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit".

Second. Said Church is located in the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.

Third. That the foregoing contains a copy of the record of the resolution of the Church authorizing the preparation of the Articles of Corporation and a copy of the resolution of the Church adopting such Articles and

Fourth. That the foregoing contains a true copy of the Articles of Corporation so adopted.

In presence of

A. H. Wilkinson } William R. Davis
           C. M. Wilkinson } Moderator
                  } Mansfield A. Johnson

(Charles W. Thompson
Trustees(Nelson C. Saunders
(William R. Smith

STATE OF MICHIGAN) } SS
COUNTY OF WAYNE } On this 16th day of May 1883 before me a
Notary Public in and for said County personally came William R. Davis
presiding officer and M. A. Johnson Secretary and Clerk of the several
meetings mentioned in the foregoing certificate, and also Charles W.
Thompson Nelson C. Saunders and William R. Smith the trustees named
themselves acknowledged that they executed the foregoing
Certificate for the purposes contemplated by Act number 225 of the
Session Laws of 1879 of this State and that the same is their free
act and deed.

Charles W. Wilkinson
Notary Public Wayne County
Michigan

Filed May 16th/83

Filed Mar. 31, 1942 (Corporation & Securities Commission)
STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF WAYNE

(SEAL)

CERTIFIED COPY -- "LAT"

I, CASPER J. LINZ, Clerk of Wayne County, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, do hereby certify, that the above and the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Certificate of Dissolution etc #65 as appears of record in my office. That I have compared the same with the original, and it is a true transcript therefrom, and of the whole thereof.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court and County, at Detroit, this 5th day of Feb. A. D. 1942.

Fee, $25.00

CASPER J. LINZ, Clerk

Hugo Stratmann, Deputy Clerk