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CONSTITUTION

AND

BY-LAWS

OF THE

Messiah Bible
College

GRANTHAM, PA.

E. V. Publishing House, Nappanee, Ind.
1924

In the Matter of the Amendments of the Charter of the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home.
In the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Penna. No. 744, March Term, 1924.

PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES
OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
OF DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA:

The Petition of the undersigned, members of the association known as the "Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home," respectfully represents:

That it is a corporation formed and existing under the provisions of the Act of General Assembly entitled: "An Act providing for the Incorporation and Regulation of certain Corporations" approved the 29th day of April, 1874, and the supplements thereto, having been duly incorporated by this Honorable Court on the 18th day of May, 1909, as appears by its charter, a true copy of which is hereto attached, and is within the provisions of the 42nd Section of the said Act of 1874 and its supplements,

providing for the amendment of charters of corporations of the first class.

That your Petitioners desire to change the name of the said Corporation and desire to make amendments and alterations to the purposes of the said corporation and constitution of same.

That the said Corporation is afflicted with and is under the control of the Brethren in Christ Church of the United States and Canada, and that your Petitioners are acting by authority duly given at a general conference of the said Church held at Markham, Dominion of Canada on June 7th to 10th, 1923, authorizing and directing that the name of the said Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home be changed and that said certain changes and alterations be made to the constitution of the same.

That agreeably to corporate action duly taken June 6, 1923, it is desirous to alterate, amend and improve the provisions of its charter pursuant to the provisions of the said Act in the manner following viz:

Article I. Name.

The name of this institution is the Messiah Bible College.

Article II. Object

Sec. A. The object of this institution is to educate men and women who con-

template to engage in Home and Foreign Mission or Evangelistic work.

Sec. B. For the disseminating of Bible knowledge and giving Christian studies for future occupation, especially for Bible work.

Article III. Faith.

The institution stands for the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, The Virgin Birth, the Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Imminent Return of Christ for the redemption of fallen man, the eternal punishment of the impenitent, and the dissemination of this Gospel to all nations.

Article IV. Charter Members.

There shall be five charter members.

Article V. Government.

The Government of the institution shall be vested in a Board of Trustees.

Article VI. Instruction.

There shall be two fields of instruction, religious and secular.

Article VII. Finances.

There shall be a permanent Endowment and a General Maintenance Fund.

Wherefore, The said Petitioners pray this Honorable Court that the amendments may be approved and that upon compliance with the requirements of the said Act, the same may be incorporated

into and made and taken a part of the said charter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, your Petitioners have hereunto set their hands and seals this 9th day of May, A. D. 1924.

Signed: L. O. MUSSER,
ELI M. ENGLE,
ENOS H. HESS,
S. B. STONER,
S. C. ESHELMAN

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

SS:

COUNTY OF DAUPHIN

Before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared L. O. Musser, Eli M. Engle, Enos H. Hess, S. B. Stoner and S. C. Eshelman, who each being duly affirmed according to law, doth depose and say that the facts and statements contained in the foregoing Petition for amendments to the foregoing Charter, are true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Signed: L. O. MUSSER,
ELI M. ENGLE,
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S. B. STONER,
S. C. ESHELMAN.

Affirmed and subscribed to before me this 9th day of May, A. D., 1924.

(Signed) Mabel Updegrove,
Notary Public.

Commission expires Feb. 19, 1925.

EXHIBIT A

Charter

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DAUPHIN COUNTY, APPLICA- TION FOR CHARTER OF THE FIRST CLASS.

To the Honorable, the Judge of said Court:

Agreeable to the provisions of the act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved 29th day of April, A. D., 1873, and the several supplements thereto, the undersigned, three of whom are citizens of Pennsylvania, have associated themselves together for the purpose and upon the terms, and by the name set forth, and to that end that they may be duly incorporated according to law, hereby certify:

1. The name of the intended corporation is "Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home."

2. The purposes for which said corporation is formed are as follows: To educate men and women for home and foreign mission or evangelistic work; for the dissemination of a knowledge of the Bible, and Christian spiritual training according to the faith and discipline of the Brethren in Christ; and to give men and women an opportunity for preparing themselves in secular studies for

future occupations, especially for religious work.

3. The business of the corporation is to be transacted in the city of Harrisburg, Pa.

4. The corporation shall have perpetual succession by its corporate name.

5. The corporation shall have no capital stock.

The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows:

S. R. Smith, Harrisburg, Pa.

A. B. Musser, Harrisburg, Pa.

Eli M. Engle, Mt. Joy, Pa.

Daniel V. Heise, Clarence Center, N. Y.

Benjamin F. Hoover, Mansfield, Ohio.

6. The number of the Trustees is fixed at seven, and the names and residences of those who are chosen for the first year are as follows:

Samuel R. Smith, Sr., Harrisburg, Pa.

Amos B. Musser, Harrisburg, Pa.

Eli M. Engle, Mt. Joy, Pa.

Daniel V. Heise, Clarence Center, N. Y.

Benjamin F. Hoover, Mansfield, Ohio.

John R. Zook, Des Moines, Iowa.

Jacob N. Engle, Abilene, Kans.

The Trustees shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ, and shall perform their duties and exercise their powers in accordance with a constitution and by-laws adopted by a majority of their number and ratified by the

General Conference of the Brethren in Christ aforesaid.

7. The corporation has no capital stock.

Witness our hands and seals this Twenty-sixth day of April, (26), A. D. Nineteen Hundred and Nine (1909.)

1. SAMUEL R. SMITH, Sr.

2. DANIEL V. HEISE,

3. AMOS B. MUSSER,

4. BENJAMIN F. HOOVER

5. ELI M. ENGLE.

(The Charter was properly advertised recorded and attested.)

DECREE

AND NOW, May 19, A. D. 1909, the within certificate of incorporation having been filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court since April 27, A. D. 1909, and it appearing that publication of the intended application was made in the "Harrisburg Telegraph," a newspaper of general circulation, on the 27th day of April, and the 4th, 11th, and 17th days of May A. D. 1909, and in the "Star Independent" also a newspaper of general circulation, on the 27th day of April, and the 4th and 11th days of May, A. D. 1909, as it appears by the entry therein, and due proof having been therewith presented to us, we do hereby certify that we have pursued and examined the said instruments and find

the same to be in proper form and within the purpose named in the first-class of corporations, specified in Sec. 2, of the corporation act of April 29, 1874, and that said purposes are lawful and not injurious to the community.

It is therefore ordered and decreed that the said charter be approved and upon the recording of said charter and its endorsements and this order in the office of the Recorder of deeds, in and for the County of Dauphin, which is now hereby ordered, the subscribers thereto and their associates and successors shall henceforth be a corporation for the purposes and upon the terms and under the name therein stated, the yearly income of said corporation other than from real estate, to be limited to the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00.)

By the Court,
GEORGE KUNKEL, P. J.
Recorder June 3, 1909.

DECREE

AND NOW, May 12th, A. D. 1924, the foregoing having been exhibited in Court, upon examination thereof, it is found that the amendments therein desired, are lawful and beneficial and not injurious to the community, and do not conflict with the requirements of the Corporation Act of 1874, and its supplements, nor with the constitution.

It is therefore ordered that notice thereof shall be given by publication as required by the Third Section of the said Act and its supplements thereto.

By the Court,
WM. M. HARGEST, P. J.

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In the Court of Common Pleas
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No. 744 March Term, 1924.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, on the 9th day of June, A. D., 1924, at ten o'clock, A. M. or the first sitting of the Court thereafter, for the approval and granting of certain amendments to the charter of the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home as set forth in the Petition therefor, filed in the said Court, agreeably to the "Corporation Act of 1874," and its supplements.

E. M. HERSHEY, Solicitor.
Harrisburg, Penna.

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BY-LAWS.

Article I. Creed.

The Articles of Faith that constitute the Creed shall be, faith in an Almighty, Triune, Eternal, Self-existing God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Immortality of the Soul, the Resurrection of the Body, the Second Coming of Christ, the Final Triumph of Christ over sin and death and hell. Redemption through faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Atoner for the sin and sins of the world, Repentance toward God, Confession of sins to God and man, Regeneration of the heart through the witness of the Holy Spirit, conducive to holy living,

Gospel commandments, embracing baptism by trine immersion as a sequel to confession of faith in Father, Son and Holy Ghost and forgiveness of sins, the Holy Kiss as a type of love, unity and charity. Feet washing as a type of humility and service, the Eucharist as an emblem of the broken body of Christ, the Prayer Covering for the woman as a type of power and subjection, Separation from the world in deportment and in plainness of dress, Development in Christian living, embracing Holy Ghost anointing for service, etc., and non-affiliation with secret societies.

Article II. Election.

Sec. 1. Trustees.

There shall be a Board of not less than seven Trustees, who shall be elected for the term of four years each, successively, by General Conference of the Brethren in Christ Church.

Sec. 2. Faculty.

Teachers and instructors of the institution shall be employed by the Board of Trustees, and the members of the Faculty shall be designated by the Board.

Sec. 3. Officers.

The Board of Trustees shall appoint such administrative officers as the needs of the institution may require.

Article III. Qualifications of Officials.

Sec. 1. Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees shall be composed of brethren of unquestioned standing of the Brethren in Christ Church and whose religious belief shall not be tainted with denying the authenticity of the Bible as the inspired Word of God and the Book of Truth, Infidelity, Atheism, Skepticism, Higher Criticism, the Evolution Theory, the Soul-sleeping doctrine, No Future Punishment, No Immortality of the Soul, or other kindred doctrines.

Sec. 2. Faculty.

Members of the Faculty and instructors shall preferably be members of the Brethren in Christ Church and shall be of unquestioned moral character, sound in faith, and shall possess intellectual qualifications commensurate with their required duties, and whose religious belief shall not be tainted with the denying of the authenticity of the Bible as the inspired Word of God and the Book of Truth, Infidelity, Atheism, Skepticism, Higher Criticism, the Evolution Theory, the Soul-sleeping doctrine, No Future Punishment, No immortality of the Soul, or other kindred doctrines.

Article IV. Organization of Trustees.

Within thirty days after the adjournment of General Conference, the Board

of Trustees shall organize by electing a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and an Assistant, and a Treasurer.

Article V. Duties of Trustees.

Sec. 1.

The Board of Trustees shall hold meetings at such times as the needs of the institution may require.

Sec. 2.

The Trustees shall have jurisdiction in the employment of persons necessary to administer the affairs of the institution, and finances.

Sec. 3.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to be the custodians of the real estate, including buildings, etc., to see that the real estate, including buildings, is kept in repair and whatever is necessary to be done to the real estate, whether it is improving or enlarging buildings, or developing the ground, if any, as the Board may consider proper to do.

Sec. 4.

The duties of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the Board shall be such as generally appertain to these offices.

Sec. 5.

It shall be the duty of the Board of

Trustees to present to General Conference an annual report of the condition of the affairs of the institution, through the proper persons or authorized authority.

Article VI. Organization of Faculty.

Sec. 1.

The presiding officer of the Faculty shall be the President or Vice-President of the institution, who shall be chosen by the Board of Trustees.

Sec. 2.

The Faculty shall choose a Recording Secretary from among its members.

Sec. 3.

Such heads of departments as are deemed advisable shall be appointed by the Board.

Sec. 4.

There shall be a Registrar appointed by the Board of Trustees.

Sec. 5.

There shall be a Business Manager appointed by the Board of Trustees.

Sec. 6.

There shall be a preceptor and a preceptress appointed by the Board of Trustees.

Article VII. Duties of Faculty.

Sec. 1.

The Faculty shall have general oversight of the work of the school.

Sec. 2.

The President shall take a vital interest in all the affairs of the institution, and shall solicit the goodwill of the public in behalf of the school. He shall see that the various officers and heads of departments receive due recognition in their fields, and that the work of all departments is properly co-ordinated.

Sec. 3.

The Vice-President shall act only in the absence of the President, or by his request.

Sec. 4.

The Recording Secretary shall make and keep a permanent record of the decisions of the Faculty.

Sec. 5.

The Heads of Departments shall take a vital interest in the arrangement of the courses, approve the selection of texts, and work for the highest welfare of the students in their respective departments.

Sec. 6.

The Registrar shall keep a record of the student body, the school credits of each student, and see that proper credentials are presented for entrance to the institution.

Sec. 7.

The Business Manager shall have charge of all receipts and expenditures and shall see that a proper record is kept of all financial transactions. He shall co-operate with the Board of Trustees and the President in the solicitation of funds.

Sec. 8.

The Preceptor and Preceptress shall have charge of the students in their home life, and shall work for their highest welfare in every possible way.

Sec. 9.

Such standing committees as are essential to the work shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Faculty.

Article VIII. Students.

Sec. 1. Qualifications.

Applicants for admittance to the school may be admitted irrespective of race, color or sex who are of good moral character and are not members of a

faith or organization that rejects the inspiration of the Word of God, the miraculous in nature and the deity of Christ, and are not addicted to the use of narcotics, opiates or tobacco.

Sec. 2. Classification.

Students shall be classified as theological, college or academic. All classes of students shall be under the supervision of the Faculty and subject to all rules and regulations that shall be adopted by the Faculty and Board of Trustees.

Article IX. Discipline.

Sec. 1.

All students are under the supervision of the Faculty in general and the Discipline Committee in particular, and any misconduct of whatever nature it may be, shall be reported to the proper disciplinary officer, who shall be designated by the Board of Trustees and who shall make a record of the same and an action shall be taken by the Faculty, a record of which shall be kept by the Secretary, and if the decision of the Faculty does not meet the requirements, an appeal can be taken by the students or the Faculty to the Board of Trustees, who shall be considered the

highest tribunal and whose decision shall be final.

Sec. 2.

All members of the School shall strictly observe the rules and regulations while on the school premises.

Sec. 3.

Any member of either the Board of Trustees, Faculty or other workers, who shall be reported guilty of misconduct or misdemeanor, shall be subject to an investigation by the Board of Trustees and abide with their decision for the Conference year in which reports are investigated, but if such decision is not satisfactory, an appeal can be taken to General Conference.

Sec. 4.

If a member of the Board of Trustees is reported guilty of misconduct or misdemeanor, a charge shall be preferred, signed by not less than three members of either the Board of Trustees or the Faculty and presented to General Conference for investigation.

Article X. Worship

All members of the School shall, at the beginning and close of every day's exercises attend worship as may be out-

lined by the Faculty and Board of Trustees.

Article XI. Societies.

The Board of Trustees shall construct rules and regulations prohibiting the organization of societies among the members of the School having in them the features of secrecy, levity or personal abuse, either for themselves or others, of whatever nature they may be; however, not prohibiting the organization of literary societies when properly organized according to stipulations herein before named.

Article XII. ADMISSION FEES.

Students contemplating taking a preparatory course or any other course, shall pay a certain stipulated fee for tuition, board, use of books, light, heat, and special furnishings for room as may be adopted by the Board of Trustees.

Article XIII. Business Reports.

All persons officially connected with the institution shall have the right of initiative in suggesting improvements or changes for presentation to the Board of Trustees. In the presentation of all matters, the higher ranking officers of the departments shall be recognized and the budget as a whole shall be given consideration by the administrative of-

ficers of the school, before being presented to the Board of Trustees.

Article XIV. Finances.

Sec. 1.

All funds contributed by any person for endowment purposes shall be invested in good interest bearing securities or in investments that may be stipulated by the donor and approved by the Board of Trustees upon recommendation of an Investment Committee composed of three members of the Board of Trustees.

Sec. 2.

The Treasurer or Treasurers shall be the custodian of all moneys belonging to the different funds, and pay all vouchers that shall be properly issued, if money is in the treasury. The Treasurer shall also be the custodian of moneys received from the sale of books, student's fees, etc., as shall be reported by the Business Manager. It shall be the duty of the Treasurers to furnish a bond to the Board of Trustees for whatever amount that the Board of Trustees may require. The Treasurers shall make a yearly report to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, to be used in report to General Conference of the Brethren in Christ. Separate treasurers may be

appointed for the General Maintenance and Endowment Funds. For the latter, a financial institution may serve as treasurer.

Sec. 3.

All general expenses shall be paid out of the General Maintenance fund, which is secured from interest accumulating on permanent endowment (not including endowments for special purposes), tuition and fees of students and special donations.