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ARTICLES
OF
INCORPORATION,
—
CONSTITUTION
and
BY-LAWS
of the
MESSIAH
YOUNG PEOPLES'
CHRISTIAN SOCIETY

Grantham, Pa.

PREAMBLE

Since God's purpose in our existence is to elevate the Christian Standard; to give and get instruction in Christian education and living; to administer to both soul and body, thru' organized effort, spiritual and physical need; to unite in the common bond of Christian fellowship all who know the Lord Jesus; and to appropriate to ourselves all the God given Christian graces; therefore, we, for the purpose of realizing this manifest Christian ideal, do hereby accept and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I.

Organization and Name.

SECTION I.

A society shall be organized, and when desired, chartered, under the name of Messiah Young Peoples' Christian Society.

SECTION II.

Branch Organizations may be established in any locality in which at least ten Regular, or Honorary members reside, who

- 1st, make known their desire by application to the Union Superintendent to have such organization;
- 2nd, present a constitution and by-laws to the Union Supt. for ratification, which ratification must be by a majority vote of the Branch Organization Committee.

hereinafter authorized and defined.

SECTION III.

This society shall not take the place of, or be considered as a regular Church society. It shall be organized simply as a subsidiary means of grace, especially for the young people.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS.

SECTION I.

Membership shall not be limited to any Church Society, but shall consist of those who meet the requirements as hereinafter set forth.

SECTION II.

This Society shall be composed of three classes of members, PROBATIONARY, REGULAR and HONORARY,—

THE FIRST OF WHOM, (PRO-

BATIONARY)

(a) May be young or old, of both sexes, who desire to ally themselves with Christian Work, but who by virtue of their experience have not attained to a living faith;

(b) Who having attained to a living faith through a new birth and the Gospel regeneration, shall be eligible to Regular membership, but must be so recommended by a committee who shall be appointed to ascertain the Christian Standing of any such applicant;

(c) Whose membership shall not be subjected to any time limit, but shall be governed by Christian qualifications and living;—

THE SECOND OF WHOM, (REGULAR)

(a) May be young or old, of both sexes, who have obtained pardon for their sins, through faith in the atoning blood, and whose lives have proved that they are subjects

worthy of Christian Fellowship, said condition to be ascertained by a committee of not less than three, who have diligently inquired into the spiritual condition of such applicant;

THE THIRD OF WHOM, (HONORARY)

(a) May consist of all classes of Christian people, whether young or old, who do not wish to obligate themselves to actual service in connection with the work, but who are willing to give their moral and Christian support to the undertaking.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SECTION I.

There shall be two classes of officers, Union and Local,

THE FIRST OF WHOM, (UN-

ION),

(a) Shall consist of a Superintendent, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Grantham Organization, unless otherwise arranged for by amendment, whose duties, privileges and powers shall be as follows:

No. 1. SUPERINTENDENT:

- (a) It shall be the privilege of the Union Superintendent,
- (1) To call a joint meeting of the Secretary, Treasurer and himself, and any local Organization, or any or all of its committees;
 - (2) To recommend a time and place for Union meetings, and to publish the said recommendation to all the branch organizations;
- (b) It shall be the duty of the Union Superintendent,
- (1) To receive all applications for Branch Organizations,

- (2) To call a meeting for their proper consideration,
- (3) To inform applicants of the Branch Organization Committee's decision, or recommendations, and
- (4) To sign all necessary vouchers on the treasurer, legal documents and other papers or contracts, pertaining to real estate, or other property of the Union Body, known as the Messiah Young Peoples' Christian Society.

No. 2. SECRETARY:

- (a) It shall be the duty of the Union Secretary,
 - (1) To keep a record of all the different local Societies,
 - (2) To receive and tabulate all reports sent to the Union Superintendent from local Societies and present the same for consideration at the meet-

- ing of the Union body, and
- (3) To sign all necessary vouchers on the treasurer, legal documents and other papers or contracts, pertaining to real estate, or other property of the Union body, known as the Messiah Young Peoples' Christian Society.

No. 3. TREASURER:

- (a) It shall be the duty of the Union Treasurer,
 - (1) To have charge of all money received,
 - (2) To pay out such amounts as may be authorized by the Superintendent and Secretary,
 - (3) To present a report of all money received, paid out and amount in the Treasury, to the Secretary, and
 - (4) He shall notify the Superintendent and Secretary of

any deficit in the Treasury and shall recommend assessments whenever necessary.

THE SECOND OF WHOM,
(LOCAL),

(a) Shall consist of a Superintendent, Ass't. Superintendent, Secretary, Ass't. Secretary and Treasurer, whose term of office shall be one year, ending no later than January 10th.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION I.

The committees of this organization shall be of two classes, Special and Regular,—

THE FIRST OF WHICH, (SPECIAL),

No. 1. Shall be known as the Branch Organization Committee,—

(a) Which shall consist of the officers of this organization and the officers of the Grantham Messiah Young Peoples' Christian Society,

(b) Whose duty it shall be to receive, consider, accept or reject all applications to establish branch organizations in other localities.

THE SECOND OF WHICH,
(REGULAR),

No. 2. Consisting of the following, may constitute the committees of any local society:

- (a) Soliciting Committee,
- (b) Visiting ..
- (c) Evangelistic ..
- (d) Arrangements .. (Program)
- (e) Auditing ..

ARTICLE V.

REAL ESTATE.

This Society may, if it sees fit, purchase, retain, transfer or dispose of property, both real and personal.

ARTICLE VI.

QUORUM.

SECTION I.

A quorum shall consist of twenty-five persons legally delegated by the several Branch Organizations.

SECTION II.

No business can be transacted without a quorum.

ARTICLE VII.

AMENDMENTS.

No amendment shall be made to these articles of organization except by a three fourths vote of all members present at any Union meeting, provided,

- (1) A quorum is present,
- (2) That the proposed amendment has been made known to the Local Societies, and,
- (3) That the proposed amendment

is recommended by the Branch Organization Committee.

Committee on Articles of Incorporation.

H. L. Smith, Supt.

Clara E. Hoffman, Sec'y.

Pansy Shradley, Ass't. Sec'y.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

SECTION I.

The name of this Society shall be the Grantham Messiah Young Peoples' Christian Society.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION I.

The motto of this organization shall be, James 1: 27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERS.

SECTION I.

Membership shall not be limited to any Church Society, but shall consist of those who meet the requirements as hereinafter set forth.

SECTION II.

This Society shall be composed of three classes of members,—PROBATIONARY, REGULAR and HONORARY,—

THE FIRST OF WHOM, (PROBATIONARY),

- (a) May be young or old, of both sexes, who desire to ally themselves with Christian work, but who by virtue of their experience have not attained to a living faith;
- (b) Who, having attained to a living faith through a new birth and

the Gospel regeneration, shall be eligible to Regular membership, but must be so recommended by a committee who shall be appointed to ascertain the Christian standing of any such applicant.;

- (c) Whose membership shall not be subjected to any time limit, but shall be governed by Christian qualifications and living:—

THE SECOND OF WHOM,
(REGULAR),

- (a) May be young or old, of both sexes, who have attained pardon for their sins, through faith in the atoning blood, and whose lives have proved that they are subjects worthy of Christian Fellowship said condition to be ascertained by a committee of not less than three, who have diligently inquired into the spiritual condition of such applicant;

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ORARY),

May consist of all classes of Christian people whether young or old, who do not wish to obligate themselves to actual service in connection with the work, but who are willing to give their moral and Christian support to the undertaking.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

The following shall constitute the officers of this organization: Superintendent, Ass't. Superintendent, Secretary, Ass't. Secretary, and Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

COMMITTEES.

1. A Soliciting,
2. A Visiting,
3. An Evangelistic,

4. An Arrangement (Program) and
5. An Auditing Committee shall constitute the committees of this body.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS.

There shall be regular weekly meetings.

ARTICLE VII.

Real Estate.

This Society may, if it sees fit, purchase, retain, transfer or dispose of property; both real and personal.

ARTICLE VIII.

QUORUM.

A Quorum shall consist of fifteen persons composed of either Regular or Honorary members.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS.

No amendments shall be made to the constitution, and the by-laws hereinafter set forth, except,—

1st, by three-fourths vote of all the members present, subject to Article VIII,—

2nd, with at least two readings of the proposed amendment, in consecutive meetings,

3rd, upon the recommendation of the Branch Organization Committee.

BY-LAWS.

MEMBERSHIP.

1. In accordance with our motto, (James 1: 27) every member must consent to respond in a Christian manner to the call of the Secretary setting forth the real need of any individual or family.

2. Continued active or honorary membership shall depend upon a proper Christian deportment, dependent upon this society for final disposition.

3. Probationary members may become Regular or Honorary members by meeting the requirements set forth in Article III, Section 2, (b), Constitution.

4. There shall be no entrance fee.

OFFICERS.

Office.

1. Only Active members may hold

office.

2. Only Active and Honorary members may serve on committees, and vote.

Duties :

1. Superintendent :

(a) It shall be the duty of the superintendent to preside at regular or special meetings, or at his option appoint leaders.

(b) When deemed necessary he shall call special meetings, or a meeting of any or all committees.

(c) He shall sign all necessary vouchers on the treasurer, legal documents and other papers and contracts pertaining to real estate, or other property of the Grantham Messiah Young Peoples' Society.

(d) The superintendent shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.

2. Secretary :

(a) The Secretary shall keep a record in minute form of all meetings, regular or special, held by this organization.

(b) He or she shall notify members of their election to office, their appointment on committees or on the program.

(c) At the direction of the Society, he or she shall notify all members of any financial need, and shall receive all contributions, which, after being recorded upon the minutes shall be turned over to the treasurer.

(d) The Secretary shall sign all necessary vouchers on the Treasurer, legal documents and other papers or contracts pertaining to real estate or other property of the body known as the Grantham Young Peoples' Christian Society.

(e) The Secretary shall render a

yearly report, including statements concerning,

1. Membership,
2. Financial Standing,
3. Committee Work,
4. Religious Work.

(f) The Secretary shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.

3. The Ass't. Superintendent and Ass't. Secretary shall assume respectively the powers and duties of the Superintendent and Secretary in their absence.

4. Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall

- (a) have charge of all money received,
- (b) pay out such amounts as may be authorized by the Superintendent and Secretary,
- (c) present a report of all money received, paid out and amount

remaining in the treasury, to the Secretary.

(d) notify the Superintendent and Secretary of any deficit in the treasury.

COMMITTEES.

1. All committees shall be expected to report to the society at any time the Superintendent may see proper to call for a report.
2. All committees shall be appointed by the Superintendent, to serve not more than six months.
3. The Soliciting Committee shall consist of five (5) members whose work it shall be,
 - (a) To endeavor to procure new members,—
 - (b) To determine the standing of each applicant by a personal interview,—
 - (c) To recommend every applicant for the kind of membership con-

sistent with Article III. of the Constitution.

4. The Visiting Committee shall consist of five (5) members, whose work it shall be,

(a) To visit as often as possible those who are known to be in need of support or encouragement,—

(b) To report immediately to the Auditing Committee, any ascertained need,

(c) To report to the Society at the first regular meeting any ascertained need,

(d) To recommend to the Evangelistic Committee, any visits deemed advisable by that Committee.

5. The Evangelistic Committee shall consist of four (4) members two of whom shall be ladies, and two gentlemen, whose work it shall be,

(a) To visit as many homes as

possible, for the primal purpose of administering spiritual help, as well as to encourage the faltering ones,

(b) To report, when possible, to the Auditing Committee and to the Society, the needs of those visited.

6. The Arrangements Committee shall consist of three (3) members, whose duty it shall be,

(a) To present suitable programs for the regular meetings of the Society,

(b) To present special programs when desirable.

7. The Auditing Committee shall consist of five (5) members whose duty it shall be,

(a) To receive the report of the Visiting Committee and the Evangelistic Committee concerning the financial needs of families or persons visited, and investigate the

validity of reports if deemed advisable.

(b) To recommend to the Society the amount of financial support they think advisable to tender those in need, such amount not to exceed Four Dollars (\$4.00) per week, not to be less than Two Dollars (\$2.00) per week, giving both major and minor recommendations, if there be a division of sentiment in the committee.

(c) To authorize, in conjunction with the President, Secretary and the Treasurer to pay the amount which the Society may vote to give to any one in need.

(d) To levy a tax quarterly, per capita, to cover the amount of the society's incurred debt at the end of each quarter.

MEETINGS.

8. The regular meetings shall be held

on Tuesday evening of each week throughout the year.

The first Tuesday evening of each month shall be known as Consecration meeting, for which there shall be no special program, but which shall be directed with the special purpose of persuading those in need of Consecration, to consecrate themselves wholly unto the Lord.

The third Tuesday evening of each month shall include a business session with the understanding that the privileges of the Superintendent as outlined in the by-laws shall not be curtailed.

All Active members shall be expected to attend the meetings regularly. The officers and the members of the different committees are required to attend as regularly as possible, with the understanding, that if, without lawful reason, any officer, or any members of a committee has been absent from four or

more consecutive meetings, he or she may be substituted, at the option of the Superintendent or Secretary.

An offering shall be lifted at all regular meetings.

QUORUM.

No business can be transacted unless a quorum (15 Regular or Honorary members) be present.

SUSPENSION.

Any part of this Constitution and these By-laws may be set aside for the evening, by a three-fourths vote of all the members present, if a quorum be present.