

**ARTICLES OF REORGANIZATION—RE-INCORPORATION
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF
PLUM CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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ARTICLES OF REORGANIZATION OF PLUM CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The above named church, religious society or organization, desiring to accept the provisions of “An Act for the incorporation, organization and re-incorporation of churches, religious societies and religious organizations,” approved March , 1943, (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”) and desiring to reorganize and reincorporate pursuant to the provisions of said Act, the same having been first fully approved by its board of trustees or officials corresponding thereto, as provided by law, does now hereby by Luther Bixon, President, and Barry McMillin Secretary of its Board of Trustees (or body corresponding thereto) CERTIFY the following facts:

SUBDIVISION A
NAME

The name of the church, religious society, or organization is:
PLUM CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

SUBDIVISION B
ADDRESS

The location of its principal place of worship is:

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| <u>R.F.D. #7</u> | <u>Rushville</u> | <u>Rush</u> | <u>Indiana</u> |
| Street | City | County | State |

SUBDIVISION C
DATE OF INCORPORATION

The date of its incorporation is August 16, 1912.

SUBDIVISION D
ACT UNDER WHICH ORGANIZED

The Act, under which the church, religious society or organization was organized is: “An Act Concerning the organization and perpetuity of voluntary association” approved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana on March 9, 1901.

SUBDIVISION E
ACCEPTANCE OF ACT

The church, religious society or organization hereby accepts all of the terms and provisions of the Act.

SUBDIVISION F
RESTATEMENT OF ARTICLES

The church, religious society or organization hereby restates the provisions of its Articles of Incorporation as follows:

1. The name of the church, religious society or organization shall be PLUM CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
2. The purpose or purposes for which it is reorganized are as follows: Purpose shall be for the organization and continuance of a congregation for the worship of God according to the doctrine of said Christian Church, which organization shall be perpetual
3. The period during which it is to continue as a corporation is: Perpetually.
4. The manner of electing trustees (or officers corresponding thereto) who are to manage its business is as follows; Shall be elected annually at the annual meeting; the number of trustees being three (3) elected each for a term of three (3) years, one to be elected each year by secret written ballot of a majority of the members of the congregation present and voting.
5. The names and addresses of the first board of trustees (or officers corresponding thereto) of the organized church, religious society or organization are as follows: Luther D. Nixon -- Falmouth, Ind. R.R. 1

Harry A. McMillin -- Rushville, Ind. R.R.7

Theodore Custer -- Rushville, Ind. R.R. 3

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereby execute the foregoing Articles of Reorganization and certify to the truth of the facts therein stated, this 28th day of February 1952.

Signed in writing and printing.

Luther D. Nixon---Plum Creek Church Trustee Chairman. Harry A.

McMillin, · Plum Creek Church Trustee, Secretary.

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF RUSH)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public duly commissioned to take acknowledgements and administer oaths in the State of Indiana, hereby certify that LUTHER D. NIXON, the President and Barry A. McMillin, the Secretary of Plum Creek Christian Church, the officers referred to in the foregoing Articles of Reorganization, personally appeared before me; acknowledged the execution of Such Articles of Reorganization; and swore to the truth of the facts therein stated.

Witness my band and Notarial Seal this 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1952. Original signed by: Phillip J. Babell.

Printed signature: PHILLIP J. BABELL

Notary Public.
My Commission Expires
February 23, 1954.

Articles of Reorganization must be executed and submitted to the Secretary of State in triplicate and thereafter one copy thereof must be recorded in the County Recorder as provided by Chapter 108 of the Acts of the Indiana General Assembly of 1943.

NOTE: Original placed in the Church Bank Box at Mays August 29th 1960. This is a true copy of the Original of Reorganization of the Plum Creek Christian Church.

**BY-LAWS OF THE PLUM CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH R.F.D.#7,
RUSHVILLE, RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA.**

The following By-Laws of the Plum Creek Christian Church submitted for approval at the first annual meeting of the membership after reincorporation in this State.

- I. NAME: The name of the Church shall be Plum Creek Christian Church as stated in the Articles of Reincorporation filed and approved by the Secretary of State of Indiana, March 4, 1952, and duly recorded at Rushville, Rush County, Indiana, on April 7, 1952.
- II. PURPOSE: The purpose of the organization, se named, shall be the worship of God, and the studying, preaching, teaching and carrying out of His Divine Will as recorded in the Holy Scriptures.
- III. DURATION: The duration of this organization shall be perpetual.
- IV. MEMBERSHIP: The membership shall consist of all those who have complied with the will of God, according to the principals as set forth in the New Testament regarding membership in Christ's Church, and having further stated their desire to cooperate with and become a part of this religious body.
- V. ANNUAL MEETING:
 - A. An annual business meeting open to all members or said Church shall be held on ~~the first Monday in August~~ of each year following the current year 1952. *(See Section XV – AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL)*
 - B. Notice of such annual meeting shall be given by public announcement from the pulpit of such Church, at least ten (10) days prior to such annual meeting; and also by one (1) publication in a newspaper published in the county where such organization maintains its principal place of worship or by posting in two (2) public places in the vicinity thereof, which publication or posting shall be not less than ten (10) days prior to such annual meeting.
 - C. The purpose of said annual meeting shall be for the election of trustee or trustees as the case may be, and the election or appointment of such officers and/ or committees as deemed necessary for the transaction of the business of said church. All such officers or committees must be members of said church. The trustee or trustees so elected shall be over the age of twenty-one years at the time of their election. Said annual meeting shall also be for the hearing of the annual reports of said trustees, officers or committees and the transaction of any other business deemed by the membership necessary for the promotion of the purpose of said Church.

VI. TRUSTEE, ELECTION and DUTIES:

A. All legal business of this church shall be transacted by and through a duly elected Board of Trustees composed of three (3) members as stated in the Articles of Reincorporation.

B. The Trustee or Trustees, as the case may be, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by secret written ballot and by a simple majority of the members of the Church present and voting.

C. The trustees so elected on the first meeting after the reincorporation shall be elected to serve as follows: The first Trustee elected shall serve for one year; the second, for two years; and the third for three years. Thereafter, one trustee shall be elected for a period of three years (3). All trustees shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified. In the event of resignation, death or disability the remaining Board of Trustees, together with the Church Board, shall within (30) thirty days thereafter appoint a successor trustee to serve until the next annual meeting of the church membership, at which time the membership proceed to elect a Trustee to fill the unexpired term.

D. Such Trustees, at their first official meeting, shall elect one of their members as president, another as secretary, and another as treasurer, and shall keep accurate minutes of all their proceedings. The treasurer at the discretion of the trustees shall give bond to the approval of the President of the Board payable to the corporation in a sum not less than the maximum amount of moneys at any one time in his hands.

VII. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING: The Church Clerk shall keep and maintain an accurate minute record of all proceedings at the annual meeting and all special meetings of the membership.

VIII. ~~These By-Laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the membership by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present, providing such amendment or amendments do not conflict with any existing law. (See Section XIV –~~
AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL)

NOTE-- These By-Laws are as required by law and as considered and voted upon in the Annual Congregational Meeting in August 1952. The original copy placed in the Church Bank Box at the Mays Bank, August 1960.

ORGANIZATION OF THE PLUM CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

IX. In accordance with the By-Laws of the Plum Creek Christian Church, the Annual Meeting of the membership shall be held on ~~the 1st Monday of August~~ each year for the transaction of business and the election of officers of the Church. *(See Section XV – AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL)*

- A. Officers of the Church elected each year:
 - 1. One Elder for a term of four years.
 - 2. One Trustee for a term of three years.
 - 3. ~~Four~~ Deacons for a term of two years. *(See Section XV – AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL)*
 - 4. ~~One Treasurer for a term of one year.~~ *(See Section XV – AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL)*
 - 5. One News Reporter for a term of one year.
 - 6. ~~Two Solicitors from the east side of the Flat Rock River and one solicitor from the west side of the Flat Rock River to serve terms of one year.~~ *(See Section XIV – AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL)*
- B. OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH NOT ELECTED EVERY YEAR
 - 1. Secretary-Clerk for a term of ---- years.
 - a) Term of office for the Secretary-Clerk will be until such time a vacancy occurs.
- C. ELECTION PROCEDURES
 - 1. The Elders, Trustee, ~~Treasurer~~, Secretary, Clerk, and News Reporter must be elected by a majority of votes cast by voting members present. *(See Section XV – AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL)*
 - 2. Each of the ~~four~~ candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected as Deacons. *(See Section XV – AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL)*
 - 3. ~~Two candidates from the East side and one candidate from the West side of the Flat Rock River receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected as solicitors.~~ *(See Section XV – AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL)*
 - 4. ~~All officers shall assume their duties immediately after their election except the Treasurer, who will take office on the first of January following the election.~~ *(See Section XV – AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL)*

X. QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

- A. THE ELDERS.
 - 1. QUALIFICATIONS:
 - a) Shall be as outlined in the Bible.
 - 2. DUTIES:

- a) Shall attend to the spiritual life of the Church and the surrounding community.
- b) Shall conduct the Communion Service.
- c) Shall assist in the Baptismal Services.
- d) Shall determine the worthiness of projects requiring solicitation of funds that have not been previously approved.
- e) Shall appoint the Educational, World Relations and the Devotional Committees
- f) Shall call the Minister, subject to the approval of the General Board.
- g) Shall, with the Minister, arrange all Evangelistic Services, subject to the final approval of the General Board.
- h) Shall prepare and distribute the Church Budget in conjunction with the Church Treasurer and the Treasurer of the Trustees.

B. TRUSTEES

- 1. The duties and qualifications of the Trustees shall be as defined in the By-Laws and the Articles of Incorporation of the Church.
- 2. Shall be required to make a quarterly report to the General Board concerning finances and activities.

C. DEACONS

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:
 - a) Shall be as outlined in the Bible.
- 2. DUTIES:
 - a) Prepare and assist in the distribution of the emblems of the Lord's Supper.
 - b) Shall organize, with an acting chairman being responsible for the preparation of the Communion and the designation of acting ushers.
 - c) Shall be responsible for the collection of all offerings.

D. TREASURER

- 1. QUALIFICATIONS:
 - a) Shall be a responsible member of the Church.
- 2. DUTIES:
 - a) Shall receive and record all funds collected.
 - b) Shall pay all expenses incurred in the operation of the Church.
 - c) Shall obtain the approval of the General Board or the Chairman of the Board prior to the payment of any unauthorized expense.
 - d) Shall pay monthly a designated percentage of funds collected for the general operation of the church to the Treasurer of the Trustees.
 - e) Shall pay all Missionary collections to their designated sources once each quarter.

f) Shall prepare and present Financial Reports to the quarterly board meetings and the annual meeting of the congregation.

E. NEWS REPORTER

1. QUALIFICATIONS.

a) Shall be a responsible member of the Church.

2. DUTIES:

a) Shall plan and provide all general publicity for the Church.

b) Shall encourage all groups in an adequate publicity program.

F. SECRETARY-CLERK

1. QUALIFICATIONS:

a) Shall be a responsible member of the Church.

2. DUTIES:

a) Shall keep and maintain accurate minutes of all proceedings at the annual meeting of the congregation and at all meetings of the General Board.

b) Shall keep an accurate record of the membership of the Church.

G. SOLICITORS

1. QUALIFICATIONS

~~a) Shall be a responsible member of the Church.~~

2. DUTIES

~~a) Shall contact the membership for pledges in order that anticipated income may be determined. (See Section XV – AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL)~~

XI. THE GENERAL BOARD:

A. Shall consist of the following members

1. Four Elders

2. Three Trustees

3. ~~Eight~~ Deacons (*See Section XV – AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL*)

4. One Treasurer

5. One Secretary-Clerk

6. One Superintendent of the Sunday School.

B. DUTIES

1. Shall convene on the first Monday of each quarter.

2. Shall be headed by the Elder serving the fourth year of his term of office, who shall be designated as Chairman

C. DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL BOARD

1. Shall be responsible for the calling of all Board meetings.

2. Shall mail Church-Budget letters, to the Church membership not later than December 1 of the current year.
3. ~~Shall organize and instruct the Solicitors concerning their duties and make available to them all materials necessary to the effective completion of their work.~~
(See Section XV – AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL)

XII. ORGANIZATION OF ALL COMMITTEES

A. THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE:

1. Shall consist of the following members
 - a) The Superintendent of the Sunday School., who shall be the Chairman of the said Committee.
 - b) One Elder
 - c) One Trustee
 - d) One Deacon
 - e) The Superintendent of the Primary Dept. of the Sunday School.
 - f) One member of the Church to be known as a member-at-large of the Church.
2. THE PURPOSE OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE
 - a) To develop an effective program of religious education for the Church.
3. THE ORGANIZATION of the COMMITTEE
 - a) The Superintendent of the Sunday School will be the Chairman of the Committee.
 - b) A Secretary shall be elected who will keep accurate minutes of all meetings.
4. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE
 - a) Shall prepare an estimate of financial needs to be submitted to the Budget Committee prior to November 1st of the current year.
 - b) Shall make a quarterly report to the General Board of the Committee progress and activities.
 - c) Shall plan and administer the following
 - (1) The Sunday School
 - (2) All Youth Activities.
 - (3) Bible School --Vacation Bible School
 - (4) Leadership and Teacher Training.
 - (5) Distribution and care of Christian Literature.
 - (6) Shall recognize and give full co-operation to the other committees, the Ladies Aid, the Missionary Society, and all other organizations of the Church.

- d) The Chairman shall be responsible for committees to administer the following projects
 - (1) Christmas Program
 - (2) The Flower Committee
 - (3) Auditors of the Sunday School Treasurer
 - (4) (For further duties and authority of this committee--Please refer to your book—'A Code of Procedure for the Sunday School'—This booklet was put in your hands a short time ago)

B. THE WORLD RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Missionary)

- 1. Shall consist of the following members:
 - a) One Elder
 - b) One Trustee
 - c) One Deacon
 - d) One member or the Women's Missionary Society
 - e) Two members of the Church-at-large
- 2. THE PURPOSE OF THE WORLD RELATIONS COMMITTEE
 - a) It shall be the purpose of this committee to plan and administer the Missionary Program of the Church.
- 3. ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE
 - a) The Elder serving this committee shall become its Chairman.
 - b) A Secretary shall be elected who will keep accurate minutes of all meetings.
- 4. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE
 - a) Shall prepare an estimate of the financial needs of the committee to be submitted prior to November 1st of the current year.
 - b) Shall make a quarterly report to the General Board concerning committee progress and activities.
 - c) Shall plan and administer the following projects:
 - (1) A definite program of Missionary education.
 - (2) Preparation of a Calendar indicating dates of various missionary and benevolent enterprises.
 - (3) Establishment of contact with the Visionary Links and other Missionary projects.
 - (4) Shall keep before the congregation information of Missionary enterprises
 - (5) Caring for the local benevolent needs.
 - (6) Shall recommend the annual Missionary and benevolent budget of the Church to be submitted to the Budget Committee prior to November 1st of the current year.

(7) Shall recognize and give full cooperation to the other committees, the Woman's Missionary Society, the Ladies Aid, and all other organizations of the Church.

C. THE DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

1. Shall consist of the following members.
 - a) One Elder
 - b) One Deacon
 - c) One Trustee
 - d) The Chorister
 - e) The Pianist
 - f) One member of the Ladies Aid Society.
2. THE PURPOSE OF THE DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE
 - a) To lead the membership in a genuine experience of worship in the public services and to enrich personal and family devotional life.
3. ORGANIZATION OF THE DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE
 - a) The Elder serving this committee shall become its Chairman.
 - b) A Secretary will be elected who will keep accurate minutes of all the meetings.
4. THE DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE
 - a) Shall prepare an estimate of the financial needs of the committee to be submitted to the Budget Committee prior to November 1st of the current year.
 - b) Shall make quarterly report to the General Board concerning the progress and activities of the committee.
5. Shall plan and administer the following projects:
 - a) Encouragement of personal and family devotions
 - b) Cooperate with the Minister in Public worship and Devotional Services.
 - c) Assistant to Baptismal candidates.
 - d) The total program of Church Music.
 - e) The total church program of Evangelism, in conjunction with the Elders who have the responsibility of securing an evangelist and providing for an evangelistic meeting.
 - f) Assistance in the pastoral oversight of the membership.
 - g) Assist the Clerk in keeping accurate up-to-date records of the membership.
 - h) Visitation Projects, calling on the sick and unfortunate, and organizing others to do likewise.
 - i) The orientation of new members into the life and fellowship of the Church.

- j) The contact with those temporarily absent such as military personnel, students and those employed away from home.
- k) Shall organize and give full cooperation to the other committees, Women's Missionary Society, Ladies Aid, and all other organization or the church.

XIII. PAST PRACTICES

- A. All money collected in regular plate offering shall be applied to the general operation of the church except that in special envelopes marked for some Special Fund.
- B. It has been the practice for the Minister to serve the congregation as long as their association is mutually satisfactory. In the event of termination, sixty days' notice shall be given by the party initiating the termination.

XIV. OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH AT THE TIME OF THE REWRITING OF THESE LAWS.

ELDERS

- Adrian Eckart 63/64
- Teddy Dance 64/65
- Bennett Druley 65/66
- Wm. Meyer 66/67

DEACONS

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| Terms expire 1964 | Terms expire 1965 |
| Francis Gordon | Horman Eckart |
| Raymond Bowen | Wilmel' Hamill |
| Gilbert Foreman | Robert Hamill |
| LeRoy Custer | John Miller. |

TRUSTEES.

- Luther Nixon 64, Carl Lockwood 65, Theodore Custer 66

CLERK-SECRETARY – Marlin Crull

TREASURER – Rea (Pat) Smith

MINISTER – I.T. Rogers

XV. AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL

- A. On August 1, 1960, at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, a motion was made, seconded, and carried that the method of using Solicitors as a means of financing the Church be abolished. This was done.
- B. 1983 Annual Meeting
 - 1. ~~Sec. 8 Revised as Follows:~~

~~These by laws may be amended at any properly call Annual Business Meeting of the Membership by two thirds (2/3) majority vote of members present and voting, providing such amendment or amendments is (are) presented to the Chairman of the Church Board prior to the April Board Meeting. Any proposed amendment determined by the Church Board to be not in conflict with any existing law or terms of the Church Articles of Re-incorporation shall be published in the Church Bulletin a minimum of three (3) times prior to the Annual Business Meeting. (See paragraph G below)~~

- C. [Amendment(s) from 1993 – Cannot find records of what these were]
- D. 2002 Annual Meeting
 1. ~~Date of the Annual Meeting moved to the first Sunday in August (See paragraph E below)~~
 2. The Treasurer’s term shall be for two years.
 3. The Chairmen of the Elders shall be determined by the Elders themselves, not necessarily the “senior” Elder in the last year of his term.
- E. 2010 Annual Meeting
 1. The number of Deacons shall be twelve (12), with six (6) being elected each year.
 2. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Elders.
- F. 2011 Annual Meeting
 1. The date of the Annual Meeting shall be the first Sunday in November. Each individual elected to an office shall assume such office and duties effective the following January 1. This amendment shall be effective January 1, 2012.
- G. 2016 Annual Meeting
 1. An amendment to the By-Laws may be proposed by any member of the church eighteen (18) years of age or older. Such amendment(s) must be presented to and approved by the church Board at a properly called Board meeting a minimum of six (6) weeks prior to the properly called congregational business meeting. Upon approval by the church Board, all proposed amendments shall be published in the church bulletin a minimum of three (3) separate weeks prior to the properly called congregational meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and voting is required for such amendment(s) to pass.