ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

MENNONITE CHURCH USA, INC.

The undersigned incorporator or incorporators, desiring to form a religious corporation, (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation"), pursuant to the provisions of the Indiana Non-Profit Corporation Act of 1991, (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), execute the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Corporation is MENNONITE CHURCH USA, INC.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

STATUTORY TYPE. This corporation is a Religious Corporation (IC 23-17-3-2(2)(C)).

GENERAL PURPOSES. The purposes for which the Corporation is formed and for which it shall exist are exclusively religious, charitable, educational, and literary, and include the following:

(a) In general, to do any and all acts and things and to exercise any and all powers which it may now or hereafter be lawful for the Corporation to do or exercise under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Indiana for religious, charitable, educational, and literary purposes.

(b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the principal purpose of the Corporation shall be to exist and to participate fully in God’s work of setting things right in a broken world, redeeming and restoring all things in Christ according to God’s intended design as we live into God’s new future that has already begun. The mission of the Corporation is to share with others the gift of God’s love through our worship, witness, and life together.

The role of the Corporation is to:

1. Share the good news of Jesus Christ through word and deed, calling people to salvation in Christ, and to form Christian communities of love and service to others.
2. Establish, teach and promote the core values and beliefs of the church based on scripture as expressed in the Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective, as updated from time to time.

3. Tell the story of God's faithfulness in our journey as an Anabaptist people.

4. Confront forces of the world which work against God's intent for all creation.

5. Be a channel for dialogue and witness to other church bodies and to governing authorities.

6. Provide a sense of larger community, creating a common identity for ourselves and recognized by those with whom we come in contact.

7. Call and train leaders who know how to apply the Gospel in our time.

8. Encourage teamwork and effective partnerships between all parts of the church.

9. Combine resources to do together what we cannot achieve alone.

10. Be antiracist in all areas of church life and program.

(c) Alone or in cooperation with other persons or organizations to do any and all lawful acts and things which may be necessary, useful, suitable or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment or attainment of any or all of the purposes or powers of the Corporation.

(d) To exercise and enjoy all other powers, rights and privileges granted by an Act of the General Assembly for the State of Indiana entitled the "Indiana Non-Profit Corporation Act of 1991," and all powers conferred by all acts heretofore or hereafter amendatory of or supplemental to the said Act or the said laws.

(e) The foregoing clauses shall be construed as powers as well as purposes, and the matters expressed in each clause shall be in nowise limited by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clause, but shall be regarded as independent powers and purposes, and the enumeration of specific powers and purposes shall not be construed to limit or restrict in any manner the meaning of any general terms or the general powers of the Corporation, nor shall the expression of one thing be deemed to exclude another not expressed, although it be of like nature.
(f) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in ARTICLE II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a Corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE III

PERIOD OF EXISTENCE

The period during which the Corporation shall continue its existence is perpetual years.

ARTICLE IV

RESIDENT AGENT AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Section 1. Registered Office and Resident Agent. The address of the registered office of the Corporation and the resident agent at that office are:

Gregory A. Hartzler
Yoder, Ainlay, Ulmer & Buckingham, LLP
130 N. Main Street
Goshen, IN 46526

Section 2. Principal Office. The post office address of the principal office of the Corporation is:

421 South 2nd St., Suite 600
Elkhart, IN 46516
ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

This Corporation will have members, with the eligibility requirements for membership, classifications, rights and privileges, and other matters pertaining to the members, provided in the Bylaws. Provided, however, that until February 1, 2002, the only members shall be the Directors, who shall have all authority of the members until said date.

ARTICLE VI

DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number of Directors. The initial Board of Directors is composed of twenty (20) individuals. If the exact number of Directors is not stated, the minimum number shall be three (3) and the maximum number shall be thirty-five (35). The exact number of Directors, unless otherwise stated, shall be specified or fixed in accordance with the By-Laws of the Corporation, and provided further that under no circumstances shall the minimum number be less than three (3).

Section 2. Names and Post Office Addresses of Directors. The names and post office addresses of the initial Board of Directors are:
Ervin Stutzman, 1315 Harmony Dr., Harrisonburg, VA 22802
D. Duane Oswald, 1111 E. Herndon Ave., Suite 308, Fresno, CA 93720-3100
James M. Harder, 118 Sunset Dr., Bluffton, OH 45817
Roy Williams, 22642 Newfield Ct., Land O’Lakes, FL 34639
Ruth Naylor, 123 Villanova Drive, Bluffton, OH 45817
B. Elaine Bryant, 8636 S. Wolcott Ave., Chicago, IL 60620-4730
Cleen Claassen, 4185 Lakeshore Dr., Moses Lake, WA 98837
Leslie Francisco III, Calvary Community Church, 2311 Tower Place, Hampton, VA 23666
Susan Gingerich, 64542 Orchard Dr., Goshen, IN 46526
Pat Hershberger, 2380 Miller Farm Road, Woodburn, OR 97071
Edith Landis, 486 Cowpath Rd., Telford, PA 18969
Olivette McGhee, 1675 Poarch Rd., Atmore, AL 36502
Harold Miller, 280 Park Ave., Corning, NY 14830
Sue Miller, 622 W. Bristol Ave., Middlebury, IN 46540
Shoua Moua, 10346 W. 59th Place #2, Arvada, CO 80004
Jane Peifer, 125 N. Shippen St., Lancaster, PA 17602
Lois Thieszen Preheim, 408 S. “V” Rd., Aurora, NE 68818
Edwin Rempel, 6610 S. Williams Circle W., Littleton, CO 80121-2739
Nancy Rodriguez-Lora, 282 Suydam St., #1L, Brooklyn, NY 11237
Sharon Waltner, 28142 448th Ave., Parker, SD 57053
Section 3. Selection of Directors. The Directors shall be selected from time to time as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 4. Qualification. The Directors shall have those qualifications provided for from time to time in the Bylaws.

Section 5. Term of Directors. The term of Directors shall be set forth in the Bylaws as adopted by this Corporation from time to time and may include provisions for dividing the number of Directors into groups and staggering terms.

ARTICLE VII

INCORPORATORS

Section 1. Name and Post Office Address. The name and post office address of the incorporators of the Corporation are:

Karl C. Sommers  Gregory A. Hartzler  Carol J. Suter
850 S. Indiana Ave.  P.O. Box 575  7233 North Bellefontaine
Goshen, IN 46526  Goshen, IN 46527-0575  Kansas City, MO 64119

ARTICLE VIII

PROVISIONS FOR REGULATIONS AND CONDUCT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION

Other provisions, consistent with the laws of this State for the regulations and conduct of the affairs of the Corporation, and creating, defining, limiting or regulating the powers of this Corporation and of the Directors are:

(a) The property of said Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable, educational, religious, and literary purposes, and upon the liquidation, dissolution or abandonment thereof, will not inure to the benefit of any private persons but all assets remaining after the debts and other obligations of the Corporation have been discharged shall be given to a non-profit federal income tax exempt organization selected by the Board of Directors, which is devoted to religious, charitable, educational and literary purposes, as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, if controlling law permits. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the County in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as the
Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

The undersigned, being one or more persons, do hereby adopt these Articles of Incorporation, and hereby execute these Articles of Incorporation, and certify to the truth of the facts herein stated this 21st day of August, 2001.

KARL C. SOMMERS

GREGORY A. HARTZLER

CAROL J. SUTER

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF ELKHART

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the above named Karl C. Sommers and Gregory A. Hartzler, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation this 21st day of August, 2001.

Witness my hand and notarial seal.

Kathy J. Carlson, Notary Public
Residing in Elkhart County, IN

My Commission expires:
January 8, 2008
STATE OF MISSOURI

COUNTY OF Jackson

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the above named Carol J. Suter, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation this 20th day of August, 2001.

Witness my hand and notarial seal

Cathy E. Reese, Notary Public
Residing in Jackson County, MO

My Commission Expires:

09-16-03

CATHY E. REESE
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Jackson County
My Commission Expires Sep 16, 2003

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