The ministers and members of the Church of God in Christ who hold the holy scriptures as containing all the word and new testament in their full scope and meaning, for the purpose of faith and practice, in accordance with the principles of our faith and government, do hereby agree and covenant with all fellow members of this church that the corporate name of the constitution shall be Article I. The corporate name of the constitution shall be "Memphis, Tenn., the present place of origin of the church when this document was adopted as the constitution of the church of God in Christ.

(Article 3) All trustees or local church property shall be members of the church of God in Christ. In all cases where the law requires a special mode of election of church trustees that mode shall be strictly followed where no particular mode of election is required by law the trustees shall be elected by lot from among the members of the local church at the annual meeting of the church or a meeting called for that purpose. The trustees shall elect a president and secretary and treasurer, and the church shall maintain a record of its transactions, and the business affairs of the local church shall be managed by the general assembly of the said church. All business affairs of said corporation shall be managed by the board of trustees elected and organized according to the provisions of law. Such articles shall further provide that each corporation shall have power to acquire, hold, sell and convey property both real and personal when this is done all property acquired shall be deeded directly to the church in its corporate name. It is required that all deeds conveying property shall contain the following trust clause:

In trust that said premises shall be maintained and disposed of as a place of worship for the minister and members of the church of God in Christ subject to the doctrines, law and discipline of said church as from time to time declared by the general assembly of said church. In no case may the trustees mortgage or encumber the land of the church without the written consent of the church and the written consent of the bishop having jurisdiction. For their faithful discharge to their trust they shall be accountable to the local church to which they shall make an annual report.

(Art 4 Political Governments) We believe that government is the duty of God. We revere the name of the president and the flag of the United States. We pledge allegiance to the flag for which the republic stands, as a god fearing, peace loving and the abiding people, as an embodiment of our inheritance as American citizens and lead in worship according to the dictates of our conscience. We believe that the shedding of human blood is contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ as a body we are adverse to war in all its forms.

(Art 5 General Assembly) The general assembly is the only body to express the will of the church. The general assembly shall be composed of the ordained elders, of the senior bishop, and of the secretary of the church. The treasurer and such other persons and bodies of the church as the general assembly shall prescribe.

(Art 6 Amendments) The provisions of the constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote of all the members of the general assembly present and voting. All amendments or amendments shall have been adopted as hereinbefore provided the result shall be announced by the secretary whereupon such alterations of amendments shall have full force and effect.

Approved: Elder C. H. Mason
Attorney: W. E. H. Scott, secretary

We the undersigned comprising the board of directors of the Church of God in Christ, apply to the state of Tennessee by virtue of the general laws of the state, for an amendment to said charter of incorporation.

C. H. Mason
A. B. Moss
W. E. Holt
John Lee
L. E. White

STATE OF TENNESSEE,
County of Shelby

Personally appeared before me, R. W. Poor, Dep. Clerk of the County Court of Shelby County, the within named W. F. Holt, being the substitute of another, the subscriber, with whom I am personally acquainted, and who acknowledges that he is the party interested in the within instrument for the purposes therin contained, and that he has personally subscribed to the same, the subscriber, W. F. Holt, on behalf of the undersigned, being duly authorized to act and sign said instrument, and that the subscribing witness, whose signatures are affixed to the within instrument, being personally known to me and also known to be W. F. Holt, the undersigned, John Lee, L. E. White, personally known to me, and that the undersigned in his behalf to be their act and deed for the purposes therein contained.

Filed for Registration, 1st day of Jan., 1897.