

We the ministers and members of the Church of God in Christ who hold scriptures as contained in the old and new testaments as our rule of faith and practice, in accordance with the principles of our faith and government, do hereby amend and modify our charter to-wit: All former articles of constitution shall be modified to read as follows:

(ARTICLE 1)

The corporate name of the incorporation shall be "CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST"

(ARTICLE 2)

Nothing in this constitution shall operate to deprive Elder C. H. Mason, 1121 Miss. Ave., Memphis, Tennessee, the present chief apostle founder and senior bishop of the authority he now holds as Chief Apostle of the Church of God in Christ.

(ARTICLE 3)

All trustees of local church property shall be members of the Church of God in Christ. In all case 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 at the annual meeting of the church or a meeting called for that purpose due announcement of such meeting having been given. Before real estate is purchased for the use of the local church the trustees shall see that the Church in all places where the law will permit is incorporated and that such articles of corporation shall provide that the local church be subject to the government and declared by the general assembly of said Church and that the business affairs of said corporation shall be managed by board of trustees elected and organized according to the provisions of government. Such articles shall further provide that such 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 ministry and membership of the Church of God in Christ subject to the doctrines, law and usage 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 real estate, to meet the current expenses of the Church and they may in no case transfer the real estate of the Church without the written consent of the Church and the written consent of the bishop having jurisdiction. For their faithfulness to their trust they shall be amenable to the Local Church to which they shall make an annual report.

(ARTICLE 4, *Political Governments*)

We believe that government are God given institutions for the benefit of mankind. We admonish and exhort our members to honor magistrates and the powers that be, and to respect and obey the laws of the land we hereby and herewith declare our loyalty to the president, and the constitution of the United States and pledge fidelity to the flag for which the republic stands, but as God fearing, peace loving and law abiding people, we only claim our inheritance as American citizens namely worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience.

We believe that the shedding of human blood, or the taking of human life to be contrary to the teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and as a body we are averse to war in all its forms.

(ARTICLE 5, *General Assembly*)^{1926 Article 7 para. 1}

The general assembly is the only doctrine expressing and law making authority of the Church. The general assembly shall be composed of the ordained elders, of the Senior Bishop, of the Secretary of the Treasury, and such other sisters and brothers of the Church as the general assembly shall prescribe.

(ARTICLE 6, *Amendments*)

The provisions of this Constitution may be altered or amended by two-third majority vote of the members of the general assembly, present and voting. As soon as such alterations or amendments shall have been adopted as herein before provided, the result of the vote shall be announced by the Secretary, where upon, such alterations or amendments shall have full force and effect.

Approved: Elder C. H. Mason
Attest: Elder W. B. Holt, 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 land, for an amendment to said charter of incorporation:

C. H. Mason
A. B McEwen
W. R. Holt
John Lee
I. N. White

STATE OF TENNESSEE
County of Shelby

Personally appeared before me, E. H. Poor Dep. Clerk of the County Court of said County, the within named W. B. Holt, the bargainer, with whom I am personally acquainted, and who acknowledges that he executed the within instrument for the purpose therein contained and the said W. B. Holt subscribing witness to the signatures subscribed to the annexed instrument being first duly sworn, de- posed and said that he is personally acquainted with the within named. C H. Mason, A. B. McEwen, John Lee, I. N. White bargainers, and they acknowledged same in his presence to be their act and deed for the purposes therein contained This 1-8-27

Ed B. Crenshaw
County Court Clerk
By E. H. Poor
D. C.

STATE OF TENNESSEE
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Ben F. James, Register
T. A. Lannigan, D. R.

I, ERNEST N. HASTON, Secretary of State, do hereby certify that this amendment to Charter with certificate attached the foregoing of which is a true copy, was this day registered and certified to by me this the 10th day of Jan., 1927.

ERNEST N. HASTON, SECRETARY OF STATE