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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF DURHAM

EFFECTIVE
ELAINE F MARSHALL
SECRETARY OF STATE
NORTH CAROLINA

I, the undersigned natural person, being more than eighteen years of age, and acting as incorporator for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, do hereby set forth:

Article I: Name

The name of the corporation is Pilgrim United Church of Christ of Durham.

Article II: Duration

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

Article III: Purposes

The purposes for which the corporation is formed, and the activities and objects to be carried on and promoted by it, are as follows:

1. To witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ by
 - maintaining regular services of worship
 - preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - celebrating the sacraments
 - providing religious instruction
 - nurturing Christian fellowship and unity within this congregation and the Church Universal
 - rendering loving service to humanity, striving for righteousness, justice, peace and freedom.

2. To engage in such additional and further activities as determined from time to time by the corporation, provided that, the corporation shall not engage in any activities or pursue any purposes which are not permitted by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as the same now exists or as it may hereafter be amended.

Article IV: Powers

The corporation is empowered:

- (1) To buy, own, sell, assign, mortgage or lease any interest in real estate and personal property and to construct, maintain and operate improvements thereon necessary or incident to the accomplishment of the purposes set forth in Article III above.
- (2) To borrow money and issue evidence of indebtedness in furtherance of any or all of the objects of the corporation, and to secure the same by mortgage, pledge or other lien on the corporation's property.
- (3) To do and perform all acts reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes of the corporation.

Article V: Registered Office and Agent

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation in the State of North Carolina is 3011 Academy Road, Durham, North Carolina, 27707 (Durham County); and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Mark Pickett.

Article VI: Principal Office

The street address and mailing address of the principal office of the corporation is 3011 Academy Road, Durham, North Carolina, 27707 (Durham County).

Article VII: Directors

1. The number of directors (also referred to as "trustees") of the corporation shall be determined by the bylaws (but not less than three). The initial directors and their addresses and terms are set forth below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
David Aspenson	5216 Pine Needle Court Durham, North Carolina 27707 Durham County	December 31, 1998
Donald Bailey	5610 Tomahawk Trail Durham, North Carolina 27712 Durham County	December 31, 1997

Charles Clotfelter	5500 91-B Fortunes Ridge Dr. Durham, North Carolina 27713 Durham County	December 31, 1998
Clara Godwin	911 Demerius Street Durham, North Carolina 27701 Durham, County	December 31, 1997
Elzie Laube	3919 Swarthmore Road Durham, North Carolina 27707 Durham County	December 31, 1997
James Stanley	805 Bluestone Rd. Durham, North Carolina 27713 Durham County	December 31, 1997
John Pradka	3417 Angus Road Durham, North Carolina 27705 Durham County	December 31, 1998
Johnnie Wheat	2720 Montgomery Street Durham, North Carolina 27705 Durham County	December 31, 1998

All succeeding directors shall be elected as provided in the bylaws.

2. The directors shall not transfer or encumber any real property of the corporation except upon authorization by the vote of a majority of the members of the corporation present and voting at a special meeting. Administration and management of the corporation's finances and any transfer or encumbrance of the corporation's tangible, personal property shall be as provided by the bylaws.

Article VIII: Membership

The corporation shall have members (also referred to as the "congregation") and the qualification and rights of members shall be determined by the bylaws.

Article IX: Charitable Limitations

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III 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 of 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 by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as the same now exists or as it may hereafter be amended.

Article X: Officers

The corporation shall have such officers as are provided by the bylaws of the corporation and the officers shall be elected as provided in the bylaws.

Article XI: Bylaws

Bylaws of the corporation may be amended pursuant to the provisions of the bylaws, so long as the amendments are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles.

Article XII: Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation the directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, distribute all of the assets of the corporation to the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ and, if the Southern Conference is unable or unwilling to accept all or part of the assets, such remaining assets shall be distributed exclusively to religious, charitable, educational, or scientific organizations that shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as the same now exists or as it may hereafter be amended.

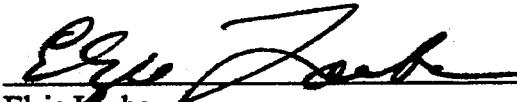
Article XIII: Amendments

These Articles may be amended by a two thirds vote of the members of the corporation present and voting at a special meeting.

Article XIV: Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator is Elzie Laube, 3919 Swarthmore Road, Durham, North Carolina, 27707 (Durham County).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, as the incorporator, hereunto set my hand this ___ day of December, 1997.


Elzie Laube
Incorporator

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF ORANGE

This is to certify that on the 15th day of December 1997, before me, personally appeared Elmo Raube who, I am satisfied, is the person named in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this the 15th day of December, 1997.

Brenda S. Thompson
Notary Public

My commission expires: 9/29/2001

