

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation not for profit pursuant to section 1701.04 of the Ohio Revised Code adopt the following articles of incorporation for such corporation.

Article I

The name of the Corporation is _____. The period of duration of this Corporation is Perpetual unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon the ____ day of _____, ____.

Article II

The principal place of business of the Corporation is _____, the mailing address of the business is _____.

Article III

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are as follows:

1. To preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, promote holiness and the worship of God among its members and attendants, and the practice of Christian virtues as admonished by the Holy Scriptures.
2. To establish and maintain a local congregation of the Church of the Nazarene.
3. To employ and discharge ordained, licensed, and commissioned ministers of the Gospel, and others, to conduct and carry-on divine services at a place of worship, and elsewhere, and to collect and disburse any and all necessary funds for the maintenance of said Corporation.
4. To provide appropriate religious education and training for its members and those attending its church school and other educational meetings and classes.
5. To acquire property whether real, personal, or mixed, by purchase, gift, legacy, bequest or in any manner and to borrow money, issue bonds or notes, and all other documents necessary or appropriate in carrying out the objects and purposes set forth in this Article III.
6. To operate for charitable, religious, and educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt organizations under that Code.
7. To do all and everything necessary, suitable, or proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes or the attainment of any one or more of the purposes herein stated, or incidental to the powers named, or which shall at any time appear conducive or expedient for the promotion of its welfare, and the accomplishment of the purposes herein stated.
8. All of the purposes and powers of the Corporation shall be subject to and in

accordance with the government and discipline of the Church of the Nazarene as is from time to time set forth in the official *Manual* of the said Church of the Nazarene (as the parent denomination) published by the authority of the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene.

Article IV

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the _____ - which shall consist of not less than three individuals in good standing in the Church of the Nazarene. The number, tenure of office, manner of election and filling of vacancies shall be provided in the By-Laws of the Corporation as stated in the *Manual, Church of the Nazarene, Paragraph 127*.

Article V

Anything in these articles of incorporation to the contrary notwithstanding, the purposes for which this corporation is organized are limited to those that will qualify it as an exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as tax-exempt organizations. 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 III. 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Article VI

The street address and city of the initial registered officer of the corporation is _____ and the name of the registered agent at such address is: _____, **President and Pastor**.

Article VII

The officers of the Corporation are the incorporators. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer may be the same person. The manner of election, tenure of office and filling vacancies shall be as provided in the By-Laws of the *Manual of the Church of the Nazarene*. The initial officers of the Corporation are as follows:

Name	Address
<i>President (Pastor):</i>	
<i>Secretary:</i>	
<i>Treasurer:</i>	

Article VIII

This Corporation is organized under Section 501(c) (3) of the International Revenue Code of 1954 as a subordinate unit under an original group exemption letter issued to The Church of the Nazarene, Inc. at its headquarters in Lenexa, Kansas on July 12, 1963. If the corporation is to be dissolved either through local action or the actions of the general superintendents of the Church of the Nazarene, then upon said dissolution it is specifically understood that no property of the corporation may in any way be diverted from the use of the _____ and the title to any and all property shall pass to the District Advisory Board of the Northwestern Ohio District Church of the Nazarene or its authorized agent for the use of the _____ as said District Advisory Board may determine or direct.

Article IX

The Corporation shall provide By-Laws for its government not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation, the laws of the State of Ohio and the United States, nor inconsistent with the government and discipline of the Church of the Nazarene as may be from time to time provided in the official ***Manual*** of said Church.

Article X

The corporation will have all the powers allowed to a nonprofit corporation under Ohio law.

Article XI

The terms of admission to membership in this Corporation shall consist of membership in good standing in the ecclesiastical body known as the **Elm Street Church of the Nazarene** and each member in good standing in such ecclesiastical body shall by virtue thereof be a member of this corporation. Membership shall be conditioned upon the acknowledgement and acceptance of the beliefs and tenants of the Church of the Nazarene as detailed in the published ***Manual*** of the parent denomination.

Article XII

The sole class of members of this corporation will be its directors. The members of this corporation will have no right, title or interest in its income, property, or assets, nor will any portion of income, property or assets be distributed to any member on the dissolution or winding up of this corporation. Members of this corporation will not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities or obligations of the corporation, and will not be subject to any assessments.

Article XIII

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members present at an annual meeting or special meeting called for such purpose provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall be given to the membership in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws and in accordance with any requirements of the Church of the Nazarene as they are from time to time set forth in the official ***Manual*** of said Church published by the authority of the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene. No amendment or provision shall be made

in these Articles of Incorporation that shall allow or cause the property of the local church, as Incorporated to be diverted from the Church of the Nazarene.

The undersigned incorporators of this Corporation have executed these Articles of Incorporation this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Signatures of Officers and Incorporators	
President - _____ Church of the Nazarene	Secretary - _____ Church of the Nazarene
Signature:	Signature:
Printed Name:	Printed Name:
Date:	Date:
Treasurer - _____ Church of the Nazarene	
Signature:	
Printed Name:	
Date:	
Federal Employer Identification Number:	
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