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From the 6/18/24 President's Report

- The current 2009 Charter was never submitted to the State; this was discovered while working on the Bylaws with the lawyer.
 - Changes made to a Charter and/or Articles of Incorporation must be filed with the PA Department of State's Corporation Bureau.
 - Changes were made to our Charter in 2005 and filed with the State.
 - Changes were made to our Charter in 2009 but not filed with the State. These Board-approved changes have been published in our Charter & Bylaws booklets since 2009.
 - Minor edits are being proposed to the Charter in 2024.
 - 1st Reading, 6/18/24
 - 2nd Reading 7/16/24
 - 3rd Reading and Final Vote 8/20/24 followed by a filing of all changes since 2005 with the State.

Charter of the Mount Gretna Campmeeting Association, Inc.

Section 1.

The corporate name of the Association is the “Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association, Incorporated.”

Section 2.

The business of said Association is to be transacted at Mt. Gretna, in the Township of West Cornwall, County of Lebanon, Pennsylvania. The registered office of the Association is Second and Otterbein Streets, P.O. Box 428, Mt. Gretna, Pennsylvania, 17064 until changed by an appropriate amendment to this Charter

Section 3.

~~The objects of this Association shall be to provide and maintain~~ This Association shall have power to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any or all lawful business for which non-profit corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including (but not limited to) the providing and maintaining of a proper, desirable and permanent residential community.

The history and tradition of the Association also includes the provision and maintenance of a proper, convenient, desirable and permanent Campmeeting ground for the purpose of supporting and conducting the worship of God in gatherings or assemblages at convenient and stated times ~~and~~ in accordance with the discipline and belief of *The United Methodist Church*; ~~and to provide and maintain a proper, convenient, desirable and permanent residential community.~~

This Association is not owned or operated by *The United Methodist Church*, nor is it an agency thereof. Public relations instruments use the name “United Methodist” and the symbols and logos of *The United Methodist Church* in recognition that this Association was initially sponsored by, and is historically related to, the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference; and that the programs of this Association are affiliated with ~~the~~ programs of that Conference, of *The United Methodist Church*. The ~~Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association, Inc.~~ will not indicate

in any way, either active or passive, that it is an agency of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of *The United Methodist Church*.

In furtherance of these purposes, the Association may receive and administer gifts, bequests or legacies in accordance with the terms of the gift or bequest; reserving the right of the ~~Board~~board of Managers to reject any such gift or bequest.

Section 4.

~~The~~It is expected that the Association shall exist perpetually.

Section 5.

The members of the Association shall be those persons as designated by the By-Laws of the Association.

Section 6.

It shall and may be lawful for said Association to purchase land, hold real estate or personal estate in fee simple or otherwise as it may deem necessary, proper and desirable for the objects and purposes of ~~this~~said Association, and the same or any part to dispose of in parcels or otherwise, or in fee simple or otherwise, on such terms, conditions and restrictions as may be deemed proper, not repugnant, however, to the laws of this Commonwealth.

Section 7.

The ~~affairs~~governing body of the Association shall be ~~managed by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and~~ a Board of Managers. ~~The~~

The terms, qualifications and number of the Board of Managers are specified, from time to time, by the By-laws. Terms, qualifications and number may be changed, increased or decreased, from time to time, by the manner provided in the By-laws. At no time shall the Board of Managers consist of ~~eleven (11) members~~ less than five (5) persons.

~~Such Board of Managers shall be elected by the members of the Association provided that five (5) of the Board members shall be property owners on the Campmeeting Grounds, who are not members of The United Methodist Church.~~

~~Another five (5) members of the Board shall be elected by the Association and shall consist of ministers or lay members of *The United Methodist Church*; of whom, at least three (3) shall be property owners on the Campmeeting Grounds.~~

~~The remaining Board member shall be the Chairperson of the Association's Bible Conference Program Committee OR a non Board member of that committee designated by that Committee. This member may be either lay or clergy, and does not have to be United Methodist, and shall be "ex officio" with vote.~~

Section 8.

~~The said Board of Managers may adopt, pass and enforce such By Laws as they deem necessary;~~

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The By-Laws of the Association may be amended by methods provided in the By-Laws, subordinate, however, to this Charter, the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth, and the Constitution of the United States.

Section 9.

In keeping with the history and tradition of the **Campmeeting** Association, the Board of Managers reserves the ~~privilege of~~ conducting right to conduct religious conferences and programs on these grounds at appropriate times.

Section 10.

It shall be lawful for the Association to construct and provide all necessary works to supply the premises with water and artificial light and to provide all other conveniences and make all other improvements which may be deemed necessary or desirable; ~~provided,~~ that the same be furnished and provided at cost and without profit or pecuniary advantage to the said Association.

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The Association is formed on a non-stock basis. It does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise, to its

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Section 12.

This ~~Charter~~charter may be amended by the Board of Managers, after ~~two~~three readings at regular business meetings, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of ~~its members~~the Board of Managers.

Section 13.

~~Upon~~In the event the dissolution of the ~~corporation~~Association should occur, the ~~board~~Board of Managers shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the ~~corporation~~Association, dispose of all the assets of the ~~corporation~~Association in such manner, or to such organization(s) organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization(s) under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Managers shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the ~~court~~Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the ~~corporation~~Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes as said Court shall determine, ~~which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.~~

Adopted by the Board of Managers, ~~October 16, 1989~~July 2009.

~~Marlin D. Seiders~~ ^{W. Jeffrey Hurst} W. Jeffrey Hurst, PhD, President

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~~W. Jeffrey Hurst, PhD~~Patricia Wilmsen, President



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