

In pursuance of an act of the Legislature of the State of Michigan entitled An Act concerning churches or religious societies establishing uniform rules for the acquisition, tenor control and disposition of the property conveyed or dedicated for religious purposes and to repeal Chapter 52 of the revised Statutes, approved February 13th 1886

We the undersigned being desirous of forming ourselves into a religious Society do hereby agree to be bound by the following articles of association

Articles of Association
of the Society of the Seventh day Adventists
of Battle Creek Mich

- Art 1st This Society shall be called the Society of the Seventh day Adventists of Battle Creek Mich
- Art 2 This Society shall be located in the City of Battle Creek in the State of Michigan
- Art 3 The object of this society shall be to legally hold the house of worship and land thereon and manage the temporal affairs of the church of the Seventh day Adventists of Battle Creek and it shall not hold any other property except grants as hereinafter provided, nor transact other business aside from the temporalities of the church
- Art 4 The officers of this society shall consist of three Trustees a Clerk and Treasurer to be appointed by them of their number. The trustee shall be elected for three years except those first elected who shall be divided into three classes and shall hold their offices for

one two and three years respectively, one being elected each year to fill the vacancy of the one passing from office

Art 5 At least fifteen days notice shall be given to the congregation of the time when and the place when any election shall be held, and in case of vacancy by death or any other cause a special election may be held by notice thereof being given as aforesaid

Art 6 All property that may be given granted conveyed or ordered to this society, whether personal or real estate except the house of worship as before provided shall be sold by the Trustees and the proceeds thereof applied to the religious and benevolent purposes of the Society

Art 7 This Society may erect alter or improve a church building by a vote of two thirds of the members and dispose of the building and erect another as the wants of the congregation may require

Art 8 After the first election such persons shall be entitled to vote as shall have subscribed to their articles at least six months before the annual election and shall have been stated worshippers with this society at their house of worship for the same period of six months and shall have contributed to the support of the Society

Geo. W. Amador John H. Byington
Uriah Smith Seymour Power
Myron J. Cornell Joseph R. Lewis
William Hall David Hewitt
John P. Kellogg James Cornwell
Cyprian Smith

Read and May 2^d 1862

Sen. Moses County Clerk