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Lake Como Community  
United Methodist Church

~~Georgetown United Methodist Church~~

P.O. Box 330  
Lake Como, Florida 32157

Parsonage Telephone Number  
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Gentlemen:

We are enclosing "Articles of Incorporation of Community United Methodist Church of Lake Como, Inc." for your approval, together with our check in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Two and 50/100 Dollars (\$122.50).

Our minister has a two church charge, and the Georgetown church will be filing separate papers.

Very truly yours,

Ruth I. Taylor  
Administrative Council Secretary

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Sandra B. Mortham  
Secretary of State

October 15, 1997

RUTH I. TAYLOR  
LAKE COMO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
PO BOX 330  
LAKE COMO, FL 32157

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LAKE COMO,  
INC.  
Ref. Number: W97000023485

We have received your document for COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LAKE COMO, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

✓ Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

The registered agent must have a Florida street address. A post office box is not acceptable.

We regret that we were unable to contact you by phone. Please return the corrected document with a letter providing us with an address and telephone number where you can be reached during working hours.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6926.

Tracy Meyer  
Document Specialist

Letter Number: 197A00050370



**Lake Como Community  
United Methodist Church  
Georgetown United Methodist Church**

P.O. Box 330  
Lake Como, Florida 32157

Telephone Number  
904-649-4735

October 28, 1997

Tracy Meyer, Document Specialist  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: Ref. #: W97000023485

Dear Ms. Meyer:

Thank you for advising us of the additional information needed regarding our Incorporation Papers.

We are enclosing the original and copy of our document, a page from our Book of Discipline regarding the election of Church Trustees (Directors), a copy of your October 15th letter to us.

Please note that we have corrected the registered agent's address on the original document and the copy.

My address and telephone number are as follows:

P. O. Box 433, Lake Como, Florida 32157-0433  
(242 Taylor Fury Road, Lake Como, Florida 32157)  
Tel. # 904-649-4087

Thank you for your attention to our request.

Very truly yours,

Ruth I. Taylor, Secretary  
Administrative Council

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LAKE COMO, INC.

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ARTICLE I  
NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The name of the corporation shall be COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LAKE COMO, INC., and its principal office and mailing address is 126 Highland Avenue, Lake Como, Florida (P. O. Box 330, Lake Como, Florida 32157-0330).

ARTICLE II  
PURPOSE

The object, general nature and purpose of this corporation shall be to establish and maintain in Lake Como, Florida, a local church of The United Methodist Church, subject to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* as adopted, declared and approved by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church from time to time (the "Discipline"). This corporation shall support the doctrine, and it, and all its property, both real and personal, shall be subject to the laws, usages, and ministerial appointments of The United Methodist Church and the Discipline. This corporation is organized exclusively for such purposes as will qualify it for exemption from federal income tax as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or the corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP

The doctrinal basis, manner of admission and qualification for membership shall conform to the requirements of the Discipline and to the rulings of the Bishops of The United Methodist Church. All members of the Charge Conference of the church being incorporated in good and regular standing shall be members of this corporation.

ARTICLE IV  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES (DIRECTORS)

The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a board of directors to be called the Board of Trustees, which shall consist of not less than three nor more than nine persons who shall be elected by the Charge Conference of the church being incorporated, as provided in the Discipline. Members of the Board of Trustees shall serve until their successors

are duly elected and qualified. The names and addresses of the initial members of the Board of Trustees are:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
✓ 1.	Chris Florio	P. O. Box 193, Lake Como, Florida 32157-0193
✓ 2.	Charlene Lansford	P. O. Box 249, Lake Como, Florida 32157-0249
✓ 3.	Virgle Knopp	P. O. Box 188, Lake Como, Florida 32157-0188
4.	Danny Stack	P. O. Box 54, Lake Como, Florida 32157-0054
5.	Vernon Greer	P. O. Box 216, Lake Como, Florida 32157-0216
6.	Raymond Greer	P. O. Box 122, Lake Como, Florida 32157-0122
7.	Alma Mulvaney	P. O. Box 403, Lake Como, Florida 32157-0403
✓ 8.	Emma Fleming	P. O. Box 299, Lake Como, Florida 32157-0299
✓ 9.	Ruth Taylor	P. O. Box 433, Lake Como, Florida 32157-0433

#### ARTICLE V OFFICERS

The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, of the corporation. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the Board of Trustees until their successors in office are duly elected and qualified are:

Chairperson	<u>Chris Florio</u>
Vice-Chairperson	<u>Vernon Greer</u>
Treasurer	<u>Emma Fleming</u>
Secretary	<u>Ruth Taylor</u>

#### ARTICLE VI POWERS

This corporation shall have the power to acquire and hold title in fee simple, in trust, or otherwise, to both real and personal property, and to improve, encumber, sell, convey and dispose of all such property in conformity with the Discipline; to borrow money, execute notes, bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness and secure the same by mortgage and deeds of trust, annuity bonds and other instruments of indebtedness and pay interest thereon; to improve, adapt and use its property or the income thereof in its religious, educational, benevolent, or social

activities, subject to the provisions of the next succeeding paragraph; and, subject to the provisions of the Discipline, the corporation shall have the power to erect and maintain buildings for the worship of God, for training in Christian faith and conduct and for Christian social intercourse, to acquire or build and maintain residences for the use and occupancy of its ministers, and to exercise any power which may now or hereafter be exercised by a corporation not-for-profit organized under the laws of the State of Florida; provided, however, that the corporation while exercising any one or more powers shall do so exclusively in furtherance of the corporate purpose as described in Article II above.

No part of the income of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to any member, director, officer or other private person, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to confer benefits on its members in conformity with the purposes set forth in Article II above. 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE VII  
TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence unless it shall be dissolved according to the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE VIII  
INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation are Chris Florio,  
P. O. Box 193, Lake Como, Florida 32157-0193

ARTICLE IX  
REGISTERED AGENT

The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation is Emma Fleming  
, whose address is 24 Miller St., Kirkwood Ests., and the  
initial registered office of the corporation shall be at that address. Pomona Park, Florida 32181

ARTICLE X  
BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the corporation shall be the Discipline.

ARTICLE XI  
INDEMNIFICATION

In consideration of service to it, the corporation agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless any person made or threatened to be made a party to any action or proceeding, whether civil or criminal, by reason of the fact such person is or was a member of the Board of Trustees (a "Board member") or an officer of the corporation, or serves or served any other corporation, entity or organization in any capacity at the request of the Board of Trustees while a Board member or officer of the corporation, from and against any liability or loss that such person may sustain as a result of claims, demands, costs, judgments, fines or amounts paid in settlement upon approval of the Board of Trustees, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of investigation, whether suit be filed or not and including appeal, arising or resulting from such person's service or tenure as a Board member or officer of the corporation.

Such duty to defend, hold harmless and indemnify shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the State of Florida, expressly covering, by way of example and not limitation, negligence of the indemnitee, negligent or unintentional violation by the indemnitee of any antitrust, civil rights, or other law of the State of Florida or the United States of America, and excluding only indemnification against loss or liability arising from intentional wrongdoing. Nevertheless, the corporation shall defend the defendant or accused against any claim, demand, suit or prosecution for intentional wrongdoing or such equivalent, including appeal. The defendant or accused, however, shall be required to repay the cost of defending a suit or prosecution for his intentional wrongdoing or such equivalent if held liable by judgment or convicted, after exhaustion or waiver of appeal. No person shall be entitled to indemnification with respect to actions or claims by the corporation or by The United Methodist Church or any of its affiliated conferences, agencies or organizations.

Every indemnitee referred to herein shall give written notice to the Board of Trustees of any act or occurrence requiring the corporation to perform any obligation under this indemnification provision and agreement when any indemnitee is made or threatened to be made a party to any action or proceeding, whether civil or criminal, as indemnified against herein, promptly after the threats of such actions or proceedings shall have come to the indemnitee's knowledge, said notice to be furnished to the Board of Trustees in writing, by registered mail, addressed to President of the corporation at the corporate address. The indemnitee agrees to fully cooperate with the corporation in its discharge of its obligations hereunder and to furnish to the corporation all information requested in discharging the corporation's obligations herein stated. In case a claim should be brought or an action filed with respect to the subject of

indemnity herein, or a threat thereof, the indemnitee agrees that corporation may employ attorneys of its own selection to appear and defend the claim or action on behalf of the indemnitee at the expense of the corporation as herein required, and the corporation, at its option, shall have the sole authority for the direction of the defense, and shall be the sole judge of the acceptability of any compromise or settlement of any claims or actions against the indemnitee, or threats thereof.

ARTICLE XII  
AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by majority vote of the Board of Trustees at any regular or called meeting in accordance with the Discipline.

ARTICLE XIII  
DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, all assets remaining after payment of the costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed as provided in the Discipline, among the participating organizations which are qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) and Section 170(c)(2) of the Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or if no such participating organizations then exist, to such other organization or organizations created and operated for non-profit purposes similar to those of the corporation which, at the time of such distribution, are qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) and Section 170(c)(2) of the Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or to the federal government or a state or local government for public purposes, as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscribing incorporator, has hereunto set his hand and seal this 7<sup>TH</sup> day of OCTOBER, 1997, for the purpose of forming this corporation not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

*Chris Florio*  
*A/K/A* Angelo C. Florio (SEAL)  
[name of incorporator] Chris Florio



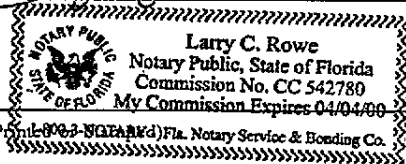
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 7<sup>TH</sup> day of OCTOBER, 1997, by CARIS FLORIO. Such person did not take an oath and: (notary must check applicable box)

- is/are personally known to me.
- produced a current Florida driver's license as identification.
- produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

{Notary Seal must be affixed}

Larry C. Rowe  
Signature of Notary



Name of Notary (Typed, Print) LARRY C. ROWE

Commission Number (if not legible on seal): \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires (if not legible on seal): \_\_\_\_\_

## ELECTING CHURCH TRUSTEES

The 1996 Book of Discipline provides a mandate for the establishment of a local Church Board of Trustees having at least three but not more than nine members. Each member shall be of legal age as determined by law, and two-thirds of the members shall be members of the United Methodist Church.

### ELECTION AND RELATIONSHIP:

The Board of Trustees is elected one-third annually by the Charge Conference, held once a year in the Fall, upon recommendation of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel, or by Nomination from the Floor. Trustees take office on the first of the New Year or whenever the Charge Conference sets as the date for beginning the New Term.

The Chairperson (or President) of the Board of Trustees is elected by the Board of Trustees and is a member of the Charge Conference and Administrative Board.

There shall be three classes of members of the Board of Trustees, each class as nearly equal in number of members as is possible. Each class shall serve on a rotating basis for a maximum of three years or until their successors have been elected. There is nothing to prevent the election of a trustee to self-succession.

The above regulations are from the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 1996 Edition.

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in the above Articles of Incorporation, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties. I am familiar with and I accept the obligations of a registered agent.

REGISTERED AGENT

By: Emma J. Fleming  
[name of registered agent] Emma Fleming

Date: 10/5/97

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