

**CHARTER
OF THE
BRYN ATHYN CHURCH OF THE NEW JERUSALEM**

As amended September 25, 1998

As amended February 18, 1999

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, APRIL TERM, 1920. NO. 30.

We, who have subscribed our names to this charter or certificate of incorporation, and who are all citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, having associated ourselves together, under the provisions of an Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29th, 1874, and the amendments thereof and supplements thereto, with the purpose, upon the terms, and by the name, hereinafter stated, do hereby declare:

I. The name of the corporation is the "Bryn Athyn Church of the New Jerusalem."

II. The purpose for which it is formed is the support of public worship of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the faith, doctrines, government, discipline and usages of the unincorporated body known as the General Church of the New Jerusalem, which holds to the doctrines contained in the Theological Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg.

III. The business of the corporation is to be transacted in the Borough of Bryn Athyn, in the County of Montgomery, State of Pennsylvania.

IV. The corporation is to exist perpetually.

V. The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows:

NAME	RESIDENCE
Nathaniel D. Pendleton	Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania
Felix A. Boericke	Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania
Raymond Pitcairn	Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania
Edward C. Bostock	Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania
Charles S. Smith	Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania

VI. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed and conducted by a Board of Trustees, consisting of not less than five, and not more than fifteen Trustees. The Pastor, who shall, from time to time, be chosen by the corporation to administer its ecclesiastical affairs, shall receive his appointment in accordance with the government, discipline, and usage of the unincorporated body known as the General Church of the New Jerusalem, and shall during his incumbency of office be ex-officio President of the Corporation and of the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees shall be adult, baptized, persons, at least two-thirds of whom shall be lay members of the corporation and citizens of the Commonwealth of the State of Pennsylvania, elected by the members of the Corporation to serve for three years and until their successors shall be elected and qualified, except that the Pastor shall serve as a Trustee during his incumbency of the office of Pastor, and except that the Trustees who shall serve immediately upon this incorporation shall serve for the period set opposite their names below. The names of the Trustees who shall serve upon incorporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Term</u>
Nathaniel D. Pendleton	Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania	During office as Pastor
George de Charms	Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania	Three years
Felix A. Boericke	Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania	Three years
Raymond Pitcairn	Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania	Three years
Paul Synnestvedt	Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania	Two years
Edward C. Bostock	Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania	Two years
Randolph W. Childs	Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania	Two years
Wilfrid Howard	Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania	One year
Leonard E. Gyllenhaal	Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania	One year

VII. The members of the corporation shall be composed of the subscribers, their associates, and such other persons as may from time to time be admitted in such manner, and upon such requirements as may be prescribed by the by-laws, provided that all of such persons shall be members of the unincorporated body known as the General Church of the New Jerusalem, domiciled in the Borough of Bryn Athyn, State of Pennsylvania, or within a radius of fifty miles of the Cathedral in the Borough of Bryn Athyn. Any member of the corporation who shall cease to be so domiciled or shall cease to be a member of said unincorporated body shall thereupon forfeit his membership in the corporation.

VIII. The corporation shall have power to hold, possess and transfer real and personal property to an amount the clear yearly value whereof shall not exceed the amount allowed by Law.

IX. There is no capital stock.

X. The by-laws of the corporation shall accord with the laws, doctrines, government, discipline and usages of the said unincorporated General Church of the New Jerusalem, this Charter, the Constitution and the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Constitution and the laws of the United States.

XI. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, trustees or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to: (a) pay reasonable compensation for services rendered; (b) provide short term, emergency, financial assistance to those associated with the Bryn Athyn Church who are unable to provide the necessities of life for themselves for their families where other sources of assistance, either public or private, are not available; and (c) make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in Article II 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 or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions 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 Internal Revenue Code, or in the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, or in the corresponding section of any future federal code.

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A. In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, all of its assets which remain after paying (or making provisions of the payment of) all liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed in the manner prescribed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the General Church of the New Jerusalem, a Pennsylvania Non-Profit Corporation. If the General Church is not in existence or does not qualify as a 501(c)(3) entity, then the assets shall be distributed to such Corporation or Corporations which qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or in the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, incorporated for purposes the same as or similar to the stated purposes of the Corporation.

B. No individual members, director, trustee or officer of the Corporation shall be entitled to the distribution or division of any portion of the Corporation's assets on dissolution.

C. If the Corporation owns any assets which were received by the Corporation, upon the condition that they be distributed to a designated organization in the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, then such assets shall be distributed to said designated organization upon dissolution of the Corporation, provided that said designated organization at the time of such distribution qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or in the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. In the event such designated organization does not so qualify (or is not then in existence), said assets will be disposed of pursuant to the preceding provisions of this Article.

Witness our hands and seals this second day of June 1920.

(Signed)	Nathaniel D. Pendleton	(L.S.)
(Signed)	Felix A. Boericke	(L.S.)
(Signed)	Raymond Pitcairn	(L.S.)
(Signed)	Edward C. Bostock	(L.S.)
(Signed)	Charles S. Smith	(L.S.)

DECREE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

In the matter of the : April Term, 1920
Application for Incorporation of:
BRYN ATHYN CHURCH OF THE NEW
JERUSALEM: No. 30

AND NOW, this 19th day of July A.D. 1920, the Certificate of Incorporation of Bryn Athyn Church of the New Jerusalem, a corporation of the first class, having been presented for approval to me, a law judge of the said County, accompanied by proof of the publication of the notice of such application as required by law.

I do hereby certify that I have perused and examined the said Instrument and that I find the same to be in the proper form and within the purposes named in the first class of corporation specified in the second section of the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation and regulation of Certain Corporations," approved the twenty-ninth day of April, A.D. 1874 and the supplements thereto; and that the purpose of the proposed corporation appear to be lawful and not injurious to the community. It is therefor ordered and decreed, that the charter of Bryn Athyn Church of the New Jerusalem be and the same is hereby approved and that upon the recording of the said Charter and this Order, the subscribers thereto and their associates and successors shall be a Corporation for the purposes and upon the terms and under the name therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the said Court.

(Signed) AARON S. SWARTZ

President Judge

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania :

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County of Montgomery :

Before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Montgomery, State of Pennsylvania, personally appeared Nathaniel D. Pendleton, Felix A. Boericke, Raymond Pitcairn, Edward C. Bostock and Charles S. Smith, all of the subscribers to the above and foregoing certificate of incorporation of said Bryn Athyn Church of the New Jerusalem, and in due form of law acknowledged the same to be their act and deed and the act and deed of their associates according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my official seal, this second day of June, 1920.

(Signed) OTHO W. HEILMAN
Justice of the Peace

My Commission expires Jan. 7th, 1924.

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And now this 19th day of July, 1920, I, Randolph W. Childs, solicitor for Bryn Athyn Church of the New Jerusalem and for the subscribers to the foregoing certificate of incorporation respectfully move the Court that said certificate of incorporation be amended by striking out the second sentence of paragraph "VIII" of said certificate.

(Signed) RANDOLPH W. CHILDS
Solicitor: For the Bryn Athyn Church of the New Jerusalem

And now July 19, 1920, after due consideration the amendment is allowed by the court.

(Signed) Aaron S. Swartz P.J.