

**CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF RUDYARD  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

PREAMBLE

Having heretofore been incorporated under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 176 of Howell's Annotated Statutes of the State of Michigan and amendments thereto, providing for the incorporation of Holland Christian Reformed Churches, having lawfully terminated our existence under said Chapter and amendments thereto, do hereby re-incorporate under the laws of the State of Michigan, pursuant to an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation of Christian Reformed Churches" Session laws of the year 1901, Act No. 148 do for that purpose unite in, and agree to establish the following Articles of Association.

ARTICLE ONE

The Church or congregation shall be designated and known as the Christian Reformed Church of Rudyard in the County of Chippewa State of Michigan.

ARTICLE TWO

The church shall be located in the Township of Rudyard in the county of (blank) State of Michigan.

ARTICLE THREE

That we recognize as the fundamental principles of our Church in Doctrine and Government the Bible as the infallible Word of God, and the formulas of unity of the Christian Reformed Churches of America, and the Canons of the Synod of Dordt in so far as adopted by the Synod of the Christian Reformed Churches of America in the year AD 1896, and expressed in its Constitution. The said formulas of unity being:

- 1st. the Thirty-seven Articles of the Confessions of Faith of the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands
- 2nd. 2<sup>nd</sup> the Heidelberg Catechism
- 3rd. the Five Articles against the Remonstrants

ARTICLE FOUR

We irrevocably appropriate to the maintenance of our confession and government forever, such real and personal estate as this church now has or may hereafter acquire, and declare, that to these objects alone it shall be applied. And that in case of any departure from the above established standards of doctrine and government by any portion of this church or congregation, such estate shall be held and enjoyed exclusively by those who adhere to said standards hereby declared and established as the basis of our church and congregation.

ARTICLE FIVE

The term of existence of this corporation is hereby fixed at thirty years from the date hereof.

ARTICLE SIX

The ownership of the property of this particular church of the Christian Reformed Church is in this congregation of such church and title may be held in any form, corporate or otherwise, consistent with the provisions of civil law of the state of Michigan. The congregation with respect to such property may properly exercise the ownership possessed by property owners in the jurisdiction, and without any revision whatsoever by a classis or synod of the Christian Reformed Church, and that classis or synod of the Christian Reformed Church will not undertake to attempt to secure possession of the property of any congregation against its will, whether or not such a congregation remains within or chooses to withdraw from the denomination.

Adopted May 6, 1907 (ARTICLES ONE through FIVE)

Amended March 7, 1971 (Added ARTICLE SIX)