

Liedgaben der Christus-Gemeinde

1905	Distriktskasse	\$ 5.00
	Reformationskoll.	6 90
	Von der S.S. für Heidenmission	5 00
	Für Emmaus (Neubau)	15 72
1906	Für Mission Gem. Heidenmission	³ 3 ⁶ 00
	" " S.S. "	3 39
	Kirchbankasse Gem.	1 46
7 Juni	Notleidenden in Californien	12 65
28 Octoba	Reformationskoll. Gem.	5 00
4 Nov. 1906	Heidenmission S.S.	5 00
" "	Gemeinde für Heidenmission 1. Januar 1906	2 00
14 Juni	Distriktskasse	3 00
	Allgem. Missionsfest Frauenverein	3 00
		<u>38 50</u>
1907	2 Jan. Missionskoll. beim Vortrag des Paters Daniels	7 55
	Kirchbankasse	2 00
	Mission unsere von der S.S.	5 00
	Notleidenden in China von Einzelnen Gebern	6 75
	Mission Heiden. S.S. unsere	4 00
Summe	Reformationskollekte 3. Nov. erhoben	4 50
	unsere Heidenmission S.S.	3 00
	Junere Mission Fr. Verein	1 00
	Heidenmission unsere Fr. Verein	2 00
	Distriktskasse	2 50
	(Schuldenabtragung 1906. \$ 400.00 1907 \$ 580.00)	38 30
1908	Kirchbankasse 18 März	3 00
	Nazareth Einzeln Geber Frau Friedembote 1908 #3575	16 00
	Distriktskollekte Konferenz in Trenton N.J.	2 61
	Mission Frauenverein Junere	3 00
1 Nov. 1908	Reformationskollekte Predigorseminar	4 25
	Jubiläum - alle Predigorseminar Einzeln Geber	7 40
	Für Nazareth Einzeln Geber	16 00
12 Dec. 1908	S.S. Für Heidenmission	8 00
	" " Junere Mission	2 50
		<u>46 76</u>

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März

Kirchbankasse	3	00
Heidenmissions Jubileum S.S.	5	58
" " Gemeinde	3	50
Familie Giese	6	99
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Certificate of Incorporation of
"The German United Evangelical Christ
Church of Baltimore City, Maryland."

State of Maryland, City of Baltimore & S. S.

Know all men by these Presents, that we, whose names are hereto subscribed, all of us being Residents of the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland, and persons above the age of Twenty-one years, and all of us belonging to a Religious Denomination called "The German Evangelical Synod of North America," and which is known and acknowledged in the State of Maryland, and is protected in the free and full exercise of its religion by the Constitution and Laws of said State, are desirous, under the power and authority conferred upon us by the Laws of said State, and especially by Article XL of the Revised Code of Maryland Title "Corporations," to form a Religious Corporation to act as Trustees in the name and behalf of "The German United Evangelical Christ Church of Baltimore City," (that being the name of the particular congregation we have organized) and to manage the estate, property, interest and inheritance of the same.

2. We do further certify, that at a meeting of the members of our said congregation duly called for the purpose, and held on the second day of February in the year Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven, we have in our discretion elected the following sober and discreet persons, Twelve in number, to act as ^{such} trustees, and we empower them or a majority of them to acknowledge these Presents before, and have the same certified by, two Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland

in and for the City of Baltimore, or any Chief Judge or Associate Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and when so acknowledged and certified to enter the same in a Book to be kept by our said congregation and corporation and then to file these Presents with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, within six months from the day said acknowledgment is made, in order that the same may be Recorded at the expense of the Corporation in a Book to be kept for that especial purpose, to the intent that said Trustees, when so registered, shall be constituted a body politic and corporate, to act as Trustees in the name and behalf of "The German United Evangelical Christ Church of Baltimore City," and to manage the estate, property, interest and inheritance of the same, the persons so elected Trustees are:

Adam Lang,	Franz Kerch,
Christian Volz,	John Schmidt,

all of whom are citizens of the United States and of the State of Maryland, and residents of the City of Baltimore and members of our said congregation, and

Louis Wietinghausen,	Oscar Steinitz,
Christian Oppermann,	Theodore Lobes,
Adolph Helms	William Schwantz,
Sophus Fries	Frederick Gorbans,

all of whom are members of our said Congregation, residents of the City of Baltimore and State of Maryland, and yet unmatriculated but are persons who intend to become citizens of the United States without unreasonable delay (as appears by their affidavit to that intent hereto appended) and we certify that Reverend William Patz, a resident of Baltimore City, and citizen of the State of Maryland and of the United States, who is the minister in charge of our

said Congregation, shall, ^{be} in virtue of his ministry, a member of the said body politic or corporate when formed exclusive of the number heretofore mentioned.

3. And we do further certify that at said meeting held on the Second day of February 1887, of our said Congregation with a view to the formation of said body politic or corporate, the following plan agreement and regulation was determined upon.

Article First.

The name, style and title of the corporation shall be, and the name of the Congregation choosing the same is, "The German United Evangelical Christ Church of Baltimore City."

Article Second.

The Twelve Trustees, who shall manage the congregational and temporal affairs of the Corporation, and perpetuate its succession shall be elected annually, by ballot, said election to be held on the First Monday in February in each year or within thirty days thereafter, in the house of worship occupied by the said congregation, due notice whereof shall be given on a preceding Sunday from the pulpit of said congregation. The Trustees now elected and all who shall hereafter be elected in succession holding over and serving until their successors shall be duly elected, in case of any omission to elect at the appointed time. In addition to these Trustees annually elected, the minister in charge shall by virtue of his ministry, be a Trustee and member of the Corporation.

Article Third.

No person shall be eligible as Trustee at any election to be held hereafter, unless

He shall be at that time a citizen of the State of Maryland and of the United States, or if an unaturalized resident of the State of Maryland, shall have made oath, or shall make oath, that he bona fide intends to become a citizen of the United States without unreasonable delay, and unless he shall have been a member of said congregation for at least three months preceding the election, and shall be over the age of twenty-one years, and no other person whatever shall be entitled to vote if present, at the election of Trustees. The evidence of membership shall be the name of the person standing on the Congregational Record.

Article Fourth.

The estate, property and temporal affairs of the said congregation and body politic, shall for the first year commencing on the Second day of February, 1807, and until their successors are elected, be managed by the gentlemen hereinbefore mentioned as Trustees and Incorporators, and in case of the death, resignation, removal from the the Congregation, or disqualification by ceasing to be a member, or otherwise, of any member of the Board of Trustees, the remaining Trustees may, if they deem proper, by ballot fill such vacancy or vacancies for the unexpired term of such disqualified or removed members. A majority of the actual Trustees for the time being, shall at all times constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article Fifth.

The Trustees shall elect from their number, a President whose duty it shall be to preside over all meetings held by said corporation for the purpose of managing its temporal affairs; also a Vice President,

whose duty it shall be to act in the place and stead of the President, in case of his absence or disqualification. They shall also elect a Secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep a full and fair record of all the proceedings of the Board of Trustees in a substantial Book to be provided for the purpose, subject at all times to the inspection of the several members of the Congregation, and the Trustees shall lay the same before the male members of the Congregation at their annual meetings. They shall also elect a Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the moneys belonging to the corporation. And it shall be the duty of the said Secretary to produce and lay before a public meeting of the members of said Congregation, said Record Book of the corporate transactions, when required so to do by any five or more of the members of said Congregation.

Article Sixth

The President of the Board of Trustees shall have power to call a male member meeting at any time when in his judgment the interests of the Congregation demand it, or any five male members in good standing may at any time call such meeting, if the President shall refuse to do so. Due notice shall be given thereof from the pulpit of said Congregation on a preceding Sunday.

Article Seventh.

This Congregation accepts, and the said Corporation for Religious purposes accepts the Confession of Faith of the German Evangelical Synod of North America (of which Denomination or Church it is a member), as its own, that is to say, it acknowledges the

Holy Scriptures of The Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only and infallible criterion of Faith and Conduct, and accepts the exposition of The Holy Scriptures as put forth in the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches, of which the principal ones are: the Augsburg Confession, Luther's Catechism, and the Heidelberg Catechism, that is, as far as they are in concord, where they differ, this Congregation adheres exclusively to the relative passages as found in The Holy Scriptures, and uses the liberty of conscience prevailing in the Evangelical Church.

Article Eighth.

Whenever this Congregation, by death or removal of its members, or any other cause, shall cease to be an organized religious or worshipping body or society, or shall cease to be connected with the said denomination of Christians known as "The German Evangelical Synod of North America, then all the property of every kind at such time belonging to this Corporation, after the payment of any and all debts then due by it or chargeable against it, shall belong to the Corporation "The German Evangelical Synod of North America, to be held and used by said Corporation for the Religious purposes for which it was incorporated, said religious purposes being in accord with those for which this Corporation was organized. And the Trustees then holding in succession, the corporate property of said "The German United Evangelical Christ Church of Baltimore City" are to hold the said property for said Corporation "The German Evangelical Synod of North America", and convey the same to said corporation, if the same be then per-

missible under the Lawe of the State of Maryland or under any remedial legislation in the premises, before said property has otherwise vested.

Article Ninth.

All the lands and tenements and other property of said Congregation, shall be vested in said Body Corporate and its successors, and said Trustees when authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the male members of said Congregation, over the age of twenty-one years, said vote being cast at a meeting or meetings regularly called for the purpose of considering the matter, shall have power to bargain, sell, purchase, acquire, lease, mortgage, convey or otherwise dispose of property in such manner as the said meeting may decide to be most conducive to the interest of said Congregation, but without such authority the Trustees shall neither purchase, lease or sell, nor otherwise acquire or dispose of property, nor erect any buildings for the use of said Congregation, said restriction not to prevent the said Corporation from acquiring and holding for the purposes for which it was formed any property it may acquire by gift, or charitable grant or devise.

Article Tenth.


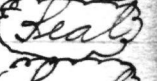
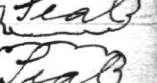
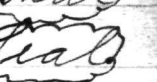
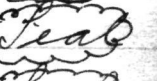


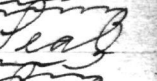
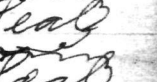
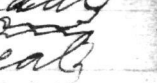

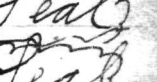
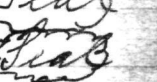





No additions, or alterations, or amendments shall be made in any of these articles, except by the concurrence of two-thirds of the male members Congregation over the age of twenty-one years, at a meeting called expressly for the purpose or at any annual meeting, and all such changes shall be acknowledged and recorded in the same manner as were these Presents. All foregoing articles may be changed by a vote of two-thirds of said male members of said

Congregation, excepting Article Seventh relating to the Confession of Faith, which said Seventh Article can not be changed by the aforesaid nor any other vote

Article Eleventh:

The House of Worship, for the use of the said Congregation and the place where the temporal operations of said corporation shall be carried on shall be in the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland, and the time of the existence of said corporation shall not exceed forty years, unless hereafter extended by the Laws of the State of Maryland

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this Second day of February in the year Eighteen hundred and Eighty-seven.

- Henry Rilk 
- Anton Koerber 
- Wilhelm Hockemeyer 
- John Pilgrim 
- John Baer 
- Hermann Muller 
- Oswald Kaminsky 
- Adam Lang 
- Louis Vistinghausen 
- Oscar Stinitz 
- Franz Knoch 
- Christian Vols 
- Wilhelm Schwanke 
- John Schmidt 
- Adolph Hoelm 
- Friedrich Gohrband 
- Theodor Loe 
- Sophus Fries 
- William Patz

Minister in charge of said Congregation.