



they desire to be incorporated:

I. The name of the Corporation shall be Zion's Watch Tower Tract Society.

II. The purpose for which the Corporation is formed is, the dissemination of Bible Truths in various languages by means of the publication of tracts, pamphlets, papers and other religious documents, and by the use of all other lawful means which its board of directors, duly constituted, shall deem expedient for the furtherance of the purpose stated.

III. The place where the business of the said Corporation is to be transacted is the City of Allegheny, in the County of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania.

IV. The Corporation is to exist perpetually.

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

Charles T. Russell.	Allegheny City, Pennsylvania,
William J. Mann.	Benwood, West Virginia,
Maria F. Russell.	Allegheny City, Pennsylvania,
Dr. C. W. Millan.	Latrobe, Pennsylvania,
Simon O. Plunder.	New York City, New York.
J. B. Udameon.	Allegheny City, Pennsylvania.
Joseph F. Smith.	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The corporation has no capital stock, each donation of Ten Dollars to the funds of said Corporation shall entitle the contributor, or his assigns, to one non-forfeitable, non-assessable, and non-dividend bearing share, and to one vote for every such share in said Corporation. Certificates of membership, as acquired shall be issued by the Secretary, countersigned by the President, to the persons entitled thereto.

VI. The Corporation is to be managed by a

Board of Directors consisting of seven members, and the names and residences of those already chosen Directors are as follows:

President. Charles F. Russell, Allegheny City - Penna.

Vice Pres. William J. Mann, Benwood. St. Va.

Sec. & Treas. Maria F. Russell, Allegheny City - Penna.

Sam. C. McMillan, Latrobe. Penna

Simon O. Blunden, New York City. N. Y.

J. B. Adamson, Allegheny City, Penna.

Joseph F. Smith, Pittsburgh. Penna.

**VII.** The said Corporation by its Board of Directors, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, shall have full power and authority to make and enact by-laws, rules, and ordinances, which shall be deemed and taken to be the law of said Corporation, and do any and everything useful for the good government and support of the affairs of the said Corporation; provided that the said by-laws, rules and ordinances, or any of them, shall not be repugnant to this charter, to the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, <sup>and</sup> the Constitution of the United States.

**VIII.** The said Corporation shall have as officers a President, who shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors, a Vice President, who shall preside in the absence of the President, and a Secretary, who shall also be Treasurer; and these officers shall be chosen from among the members of the Board of Directors annually on the first Saturday of each year, by an election by ballot to be held at the principal office of the Corporation in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania.

The members of the Board of Directors shall hold their respective offices for life, unless removed by a two-thirds vote of the share holders, and vacancies in the Board occasioned by death, resignation

or removal shall be filled by vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Board, who shall meet for that purpose within twenty days from the time when such vacancy, or vacancies, shall occur, and in the event of a failure to fill such vacancy, or vacancies, in the manner aforesaid, within thirty days from the time when such vacancy, or vacancies, shall occur, then the said vacancy, or vacancies, shall be filled by the appointment of the President, and the person, or persons, so appointed shall hold his, or their, office, or offices, until the next annual election of officers of the corporation, when such vacancy, or vacancies, shall be filled by election, in the same manner as the President, Vice President, and Secretary and Treasurer are elected.

The persons entitled to vote at annual elections of the Corporation, shall be those who hold certificates of membership acquired in the manner aforesaid.

II. The said Corporation, under the name, style, and title aforesaid, shall have full power and authority to make, have and use a common seal, with such device and inscription as they may deem proper, and the same to alter and renew at their pleasure; and by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall be able in law and equity to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court or Courts, before any judge or justice of the Peace, in all manner of suits and controversies, pleas, causes, matters, and demands whatsoever, and all and every matter of thing therein to do in as full and ample manner, and as effectually, as any other person, or persons, bodies politic or corporate within the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, may or  
can do.

X. The said Corporation, by the name, stile,  
and title aforesaid, shall have the right, power,  
and authority to take, receive and hold in fee  
simple, or any less estate, all such messuages,  
lots, lands, buildings, tenements, rents, annu-  
-ities, franchises and hereditaments as may be  
necessary and proper for its purposes; and  
to sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of  
the same or any part thereof; and it shall  
have the same right, power, and authority to  
take, receive and hold, and to sell, lease or dis-  
-pose of any and all kinds of personal property  
and money.

Witness our hands and seals this 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
November, A. D. 1854.

Charles T. Russell.	Seal
Wm. D. Mann.	Seal
Maria F. Russell.	Seal
Wm. C. MacMillan.	Seal
Simon W. Blunden.	Seal
J. B. Ledamson.	Seal
Jos. F. Smith.	Seal

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania } Before me, the  
County of Allegheny - } ss. subscriber, Re-  
-corder of Deeds

of the County of Allegheny, personally appeared  
Charles T. Russell, Maria F. Russell and Jos. F.  
Smith, three of the subscribers to the above and  
by their certificate of incorporation of the Zion's  
Tract Society, and in due form of law  
acknowledged the same to be their act<sup>d</sup> deed.

Witness my hand and official seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day  
of November, A. D. 1854.

Wm. G. Graham -  
Recorder

In the Court of Common Pleas No. 1. of Allegheny County, No. — September Term, 1874.  
And now this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1874, the within Charter and Certificate of Incorporation having been presented to me, a Law Judge of said County, accompanied by due proof of publication of the notice of this application as required by the Act of Assembly and rule of this Court in such case made and provided, I certify that I have examined and perused the said writings and have found the same to be in proper form and within the purposes named in the first class specified in section second of the Act of General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "an Act to provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of Certain Corporations" approved April 29<sup>th</sup>. 1874, and the supplements thereto, and the same appearing to be lawful and not injurious to the Community, I do hereby on motion of Steir and Garrison, Attorneys for the within named subscribers and their associates, order and direct that the said Zion's Watch Tower Tract Society aforesaid be and the same is hereby approved, and that upon the recording of the same and of this order the subscribers thereto and their associates shall be a Corporation by the name of the Zion's Watch Tower Tract Society for the purposes and upon the terms therein stated.

J. H. Collier.

Associate Judge, &c.,

Common Pleas No. 1,

Allegheny Co., Penna.

(Court Seal)

From the Record.

J. B. Brown -

Pro.

Recorded Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 1874.