

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST, INC.
(A Corporation Not for Profit)**

We, the undersigned, with other persons being desirous of forming a corporation for religious purposes, under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do agree to the following:

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this corporation shall be: "The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, Inc."

ARTICLE II. Purposes

The general nature of the objects and purposes of this corporation shall be:

- a. To propagate and disseminate the Gospel of the Lord, Jesus Christ.
- b. To do all things necessary and proper in the pursuit of such objects and purposes.
- c. To be a constituent governing part of the "Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America" and, subject only to any limitations in the laws of Florida, the corporation recognizes, accedes to, and adopts the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE III. Location

The office of the corporation shall be in the City of Pensacola, County of Escambia, State of Florida, or such other place as may be designated from time to time by the Annual Diocesan Convention. Under the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and until further action by such national body, the jurisdiction of the corporation comprises that part of south Alabama being south of the northern boundaries of the Counties of Barbour, Pike, Crenshaw, Butler, Wilcox, Clarke and Choctaw (that is, roughly south of Montgomery and Selma and north of Eufaula, Troy and Greenville), and that part of northwest Florida which lies west of the eastern boundaries of Jackson, Calhoun and Gulf counties (that is, along the Apalachicola River, including that portion of Franklin County lying west of the River), as they exist in the year 1970.

ARTICLE IV. Qualification of Members

The membership of the corporation shall consist of all persons resident within the jurisdiction of the corporation who are members of the Protestant Episcopal Church as such membership may be defined from time to time by the Canons (By-Laws) of the corporation.

ARTICLE V. Term of Existence

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

ARTICLE VI. Subscribers

The names and residences of the subscribers to these Articles are:

Name	Residence
The Rt. Rev. George M. Murray	3809 Old Shell Road, Spring Hill Mobile, Alabama 36608
Albert J. Tully	1809 Spring Hill Avenue Mobile, Alabama 36606
The Rev. Michael C. Boss	3550 Cortez Drive Pensacola, Florida 32503
Ralph E. Compagno	4550 Knight Way Drive Mobile, Alabama 36608
The Rev. B. M. Currin	300 West Moreno Street Pensacola, Florida 32501
John D. Baumhauer, Jr.	155 Roberts Street Mobile, Alabama 36604
Will G. Caffey	60 West Wimbledon Drive Mobile, Alabama 36608
Walton Colvin	1318 Wisteria Avenue Pensacola, Florida 32507
Maurice Luckie	1120 West LaRua Street Pensacola, Florida 32501
Grover C. Robinson, Jr.	1060 Dunwoody Drive Pensacola, Florida 32503

ARTICLE VII. Organization

Section 1. The affairs of the corporation are to be managed by the Bishop of the Diocese (who shall be president and chief executive officer), a Standing Committee (which shall consist of not less than three (3) persons), and such other officers and committees as may be provided from time to time by the Canons (By-Laws). The Canons shall provide for the time and manner in which the Standing Committee and other officers and committees are elected or appointed.

Section 2. The Bishop shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. When there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for all proper purposes.

Section 3. The Diocesan Convention shall be the Legislative Authority of the Diocese. It shall be composed of Clergy and Lay Delegates as provided by the Canons. There shall be an annual meeting of the Diocesan Convention at such time and place as the Canons shall provide. The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese shall have power to call a Special Diocesan Convention, provided thirty (30) days' notice thereof shall be given to all Clergy and Congregations entitled to representation, in writing, specifying the time and place of meeting and the business to be transacted.

Section 4. The Election of a Bishop of the Diocese shall be had in Regular or Special Diocesan Convention. The quorum required for the election of a Bishop shall be two-thirds of all Clergy entitled to vote and two-thirds of all Lay Delegates entitled to be members of the Diocesan Convention. The election shall be in the following manner: After nominations have been made in open Convention, the vote shall be by Orders

(Clergy and Lay) and by secret ballot, and a qualified Bishop or Presbyter shall be chosen. A concurrent majority in both Orders shall be necessary for a choice.

ARTICLE VIII. Interim Organization

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the following officers and bodies who shall serve until the first Annual Diocesan Convention.

Office	Name	Address
Bishop	The Rt. Rev. George M. Murray, DD, LLD, LHD	3809 Old Shell Road Spring Hill Mobile, Alabama 36608
Chancellor	Albert J. Tully	1107 Commerce Building Post Office Box 47 Mobile, Alabama 36601
Secretary	The Rev. Michael C. Boss	3550 Cortez Drive Post Office Box 2235 Pensacola, Florida 32503
Treasurer	Ralph E. Compagno	4550 Knight Way Drive Mobile, Alabama 36608
Registrar- Historiographer	The Rev. B. M. Currin	300 West Moreno Street Pensacola, Florida 32501
Standing Committee	The Rev. Lavan B. Davis	Post Office Box 2235 Pensacola, Florida 32503
	The Rev. Donald Clawson	Post Office Box 8444 Mobile, Alabama 36608
	The Rev. William Anderson	Post Office Box 545 Marianna, Florida 32446
	The Rev. Patrick M. Sanders	151 South Ann Street Mobile, Alabama 36604
	The Rev. Barnum M. McCarty	1620 West Beach Drive Panama City, Florida 32401
	The Rev. Coleman Inge	1050 Azalea Road Mobile, Alabama 36609
	Mr. Maurice Luckey	306 N. DeVilliers St. Pensacola, Florida 32501
	Mr. Betts Slingluff, Jr.	207 Blumberg Drive Dothan, Alabama 36301
	Mrs. W. M. C. Wilhoit	1711 East Lakeview Ave. Pensacola, Florida 32503
	Mrs. Robert Wilkes	Route 2 Graceville, Florida 32440
	Mr. John D. Baumhauer, Jr.	155 Roberts Street Mobile, Alabama 36604
	Mr. William R. Ruffles, Jr.	Post Office Box 383 Fairhope, Alabama 36532

Mr. Walton Colvin	1318 Wisteria Avenue Pensacola, Florida 32507
Mr. Howard Dimmig	Post Office Box 215 Shalimar, Florida 32579
Judge Will G. Caffey	60 West Wimbledon Drive Mobile, Alabama 36608

ARTICLE IX. Canons (By-Laws)

Section 1. The Diocesan Convention shall provide such Canons for the conduct of the business and the carrying out of the purposes of the corporation as it may deem necessary from time to time, consistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the laws of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Such Canons shall be subject to amendment from time to time by the Diocesan Convention in such manner as may be provided therein.

ARTICLE X. Amendments

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a resolution introduced in writing and considered in the Diocesan Convention. If approved by a majority of the Diocesan Convention it shall lie over until the next Diocesan Convention when, upon consideration again, if it be approved by a majority of each Order, voting separately, the amendment shall become effective.

ARTICLE XI. Non-Profit Status

Section 1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual or member.

Section 2. No person, firm or corporation shall ever receive any dividends or profits from the undertakings of this corporation.

Section 3. The corporation shall not carry on propaganda, or otherwise act to influence legislation.

Section 4. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the corporation shall be turned over to one or more organizations which are exempt organizations as described in Section 501(c)(3) and Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or by income tax regulations, amended, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE XII. Powers

In order to promote the purposes of this corporation, it may acquire property by grant, gift, purchase, devise or bequest, and hold and dispose of such property as the corporation shall require for the benefit of the members and not for pecuniary profit.

(Signatures appear on original document.)