

The State of South Carolina ) CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT ) BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WHEREAS, ARLIE A. ADKINS, H. L. McMANUS and INGRAM THIGPEN  
all of  
Greenville, South Carolina

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two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise or manage the affairs of

SOUTHERN METHODIST SCHOOLS  
(Greenville, S.C.)

which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the 6th. day of

September, A. D. 1956, file with the Secretary of State a written declaration setting forth:

That, at a meeting of the aforesaid organization held pursuant to the by-laws or regulations of the said organization, they were authorized and directed to apply for incorporation.

That, the said organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common for Religious, Educational, Social, Fraternal, Charitable or other eleemosynary purpose, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not organized for the purpose of profit or gain to the members, otherwise than is above stated, nor for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days' notice in the Greenville Piedmont, a newspaper published in the County of Greenville, has been given that the aforesaid Declaration would be filed.

AND WHEREAS, Said Declarants and Petitioners further declared and affirmed:

FIRST: Their names and residences are as above given

SECOND: The name of the proposed Corporation is SOUTHERN METHODIST SCHOOLS

THIRD: The place at which it proposes to have its headquarters or be located is Greenville, S. C.

FOURTH: The purpose of the said proposed Corporation is to operate an educational institution for the teaching of religion, arts and sciences with a curriculum including the courses but not confined thereto necessary for the awarding of the degrees of Associate in Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Religious Education, Bachelor of Theology all in Bible, and Honorary Degrees, and to do all things necessary or incidental for this purpose.

FIFTH: The names and residences of all Managers, Trustees, Directors or other officers are as follow

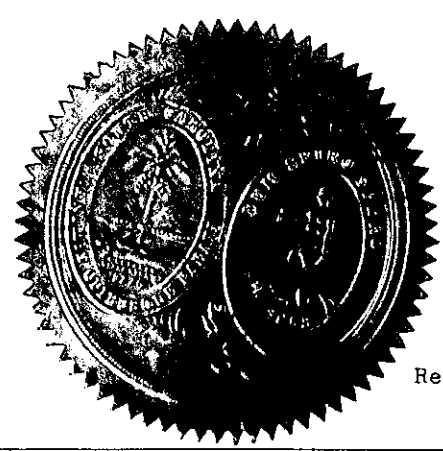
Ingram Thigpen	Greenville, S. C.	Vice-Chairman
W. L. Sadler	Nashville, Tennessee	Chairman
L. F. Arant	Bowman, S. C.	Secretary
H. L. McManus	Greenville, S. C.	Treasurer
Lynn Corbett	Bowman, S. C.	Trustee
Glenn Comfort	Memphis, Tennessee	Trustee
Mrs. William Earl Bishop	Greenville, S. C.	Trustee
Arlie A. Adkins	Greenville, S. C.	President
B. S. McDade	Columbia, S. C.	Trustee

SIXTH: That they desire to be incorporated: In Perpetuity.

Now, THEREFORE, I, O. FRANK THORNTON, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by Chapter 12, Title 12, Code of 1952, and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the said organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the duties and liabilities, conferred by Chapter 12, Title 12, Code of 1952, and Acts amendatory thereto.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the State, at Columbia, this 6th. day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six and in the one hundred and eighty-first year of the Independence of the United States of America.

O. Frank Thornton  
Secretary of State.



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