

THE MAIN PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE CONTINUED FEDERATED OPERATION OF  
THE CONGREGATIONAL AND METHODIST CHURCHES  
SCHROON LAKE, NEW YORK

ARTICLE 1. The Congregational Church to so improve its church buildings as to provide adequate and suitable space for religious school, preparing and serving church dinners, social activities and other appropriate meetings.

ARTICLE 2. The Methodist Church to adequately and suitably furnish and decorate the Congregational Parsonage and the additional space provided by the Congregational Church under Article 1 above, with funds to be obtained from the sale of Methodist property.

ARTICLE 3. All worship, educational and social meetings to be held in the Congregational Church quarters.

ARTICLE 4. The Congregational parsonage to be used as the minister's residence at no rental.

ARTICLE 5. Congregational and Methodist ministers to be called alternately to serve the Federated Church. Each minister, to qualify, must be acceptable to both the Congregational and Methodist churches.

ARTICLE 6. The Congregational and Methodist churches to share <sup>2</sup> equally <sup>jointly</sup> in all operating expenses of their federated activities, including minister's salary and any of his expenses paid in connection with his church work, including attendance at either Congregational or Methodist Conferences;

- b. Sexton's salary;
- c. Fuel, light and water bills;
- d. Additions to and replacement of operating equipment and supplies;
- e. Repairs to Congregational church and parsonage, and redecorating when required;
- f. Maintenance of grounds of the Congregational property, including removal of snow and refuse;
- g. Insurance on organ, altar, and other movable property;
- h. Liability insurance, if any.

ARTICLE 7. The Congregational Church to pay for the insurance on its church and parsonage, and the fixed equipment therein.

ARTICLE 8. Each church to have its own set of officers and treasury.

ARTICLE 9. Each church to handle its own:

- a. Solicitation and collection of contributions and pledges.
- b. Benevolences and other payments to their governing denominational bodies.

ARTICLE 10. Each church to take one half of the unmarked collections.

ARTICLE 11. Stated for purpose of record, the following items of equipment are owned jointly, on a fifty-fifty basis, by the Congregational and Methodist churches:

- a. Pictures, honor roll, draperies;
- b. Altar, electric organ, hymnbooks, junior and senior choir robes, items of music, including cabinet;
- c. All stores, cooking utensils, dishes, coffee urn, and any and all movable items located at present in the Methodist church, such items having been used for social purposes, except piano and reed organ. Sold.

ARTICLE 12. The federated activities of these churches will be carried on under the name "The Community Church of Schroon Lake".

RATIFIED: 1. By the Congregational Church at a special corporate meeting on February 19, 1951

2. By the Methodist Church at its quarterly Conference held Feb. 21, 1951

AMENDMENT No. 1: Article 10 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Each church to take one half of the unmarked collections, except that when there may be a Financial Secretary of the Community Church Association of Schroon Lake, such unmarked collections shall go to him for use for operating expenses."

Amendment ratified by the Congregational Church at its corporate meeting of January 13, 1954, and by the Methodist Church by its Quarterly Conference—Feb. 24, 1954

AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF INCORPORATED CHURCHES

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 23rd. day of February 1948, between the Methodist Church in The Town of Schroon, a religious corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of New York by certificate of incorporation filed and recorded April 29, 1835 in the Book of Certificates of Corporations at page 31 in the Essex County Clerk's Office; and the First Congregational Church and Society of Schroon, a religious corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of New York by certificate of incorporation filed and recorded March 20, 1879 in Book of Certificates of Corporations at page 104 in the Essex County Clerk's Office:

WITNESSETH - That the parties hereto have mutually covenanted and agreed, and by this agreement do mutually covenant and agree, to consolidate into a single corporation, pursuant to Section 13 of the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The name of the proposed new corporation shall be the Community Church of Schroon Lake, N. Y.
2. The denominations to which it is to belong shall be the Methodist Church denomination and the Congregational Christian denomination.
3. The number of its trustees shall be six. *3 UCC + 3 UMC*
4. The names of the persons to be the first trustees of the new corporation are: Howard Clark and Milton Jenks, for 2 years - George Ochs and O. Paul Leavitt, for 1 year - and Chester Teegarden and Percy Richardson, terms expiring at first annual corporate meeting.
5. The date of its first annual corporate meeting shall be the 2nd. Wednesday in January, 1949.
6. The method by which its trustees are to be chosen shall be as follows: By majority vote of the qualified voters present and voting at a corporate meetings.

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FURTHER UNIFICATION OF THE OPERATION OF THE SCHROON LAKE CONGREGATIONAL AND METHODIST CHURCHES THROUGH THE COMMUNITY CHURCH ASSOCIATION

In the interest of greater unity and more effective joint effort in fund raising and in other church activities, the First Congregational Church and Society of Schroon and the Schroon Lake Methodist Church each agree, subject to similar agreement by the other, to the following modifications of their Provisions for Federated Operation, adopted in February, 1951:

1. All fund raising programs shall be in the name of the Community Church, and shall be organized by and handled under the direction of the Joint Finance Committee, or by a special committee designated by either the Finance Committee or the Community Church Association.
2. To meet the preferences of all members, there shall be provided three types of contribution envelopes: Congregational, Methodist, and Community Church. From all three types of these envelopes, contributions for current expenses shall go to the Financial Secretary of the Community Church. The contributions for Missions and Benevolences in the Congregational and Methodist envelopes shall go to the treasurers of these two churches, respectively. This shall apply as well to special offerings of a denominational nature. The contributions for Missions and Benevolences in the Community Church envelopes shall go to the Community Church Financial Secretary, and shall be delivered by him, weekly, to the Congregational and Methodist Church treasurers in equal portions.
3. Inasmuch as the above provisions leave no source of funds for meeting the denominational obligations, other than Missions and Benevolences, of the Congregational and Methodist Churches, it shall be the obligation and duty of the Community Church Association, through its treasurer, to make disbursement of proper amounts and at proper times to the treasurers of these two churches for this purpose. Such obligations include:

Congregational -

- Reasonable or required payments on existing church mortgage principal and existing Trustee's note.
- Interest on existing church mortgage and existing Trustee's note.
- Insurance on Buildings, and on personal property in the Community Church plant, not jointly owned.
- Conference Building Loan Fund.
- Essex Association dues.
- Gradual repayment of the existing New York Conference grant-in-loan.
- Deficit in funds to meet Missions and Benevolence commitment.

Methodist -

- Troy Conference Apportionments.
- Troy Conference Development Fund, or its equivalent.
- Insurance on personal property in the Community Church plant, not jointly owned.
- Insurance on the existing Methodist Church real property while under the control of the Methodist Church Trustees.
- Emergency maintenance on the existing Methodist Church property, not including any general improvements or reconditioning.
- Deficit in funds to meet Missions and Benevolence commitment.

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4. The provisions herein shall, supercede and govern in the case of any conflict with the Provisions For Federated Operation adopted in February, 1951, as amended in January and February, 1954.
5. This agreement shall take effect when adopted by a majority ballot vote at an annual or special meeting of the Community Church Association, then ratified by each of the constituent churches at annual or special corporate meetings. It may be terminated by a majority ballot vote at an annual meeting of either of the two consitituent churches. Such termination is deemed justfiable by the failure of the Community Church to disburse funds to either of the two constituent churches to meet denominational obligations listed in Section 3 above.

Adopted February 19, 1956, by the Community Church Association, Schroon Lake, N.Y.  
(Written ballot: 25 ballots voting "yes"; None voting "no".)

Ratified February 19, 1956, by unanimous vote of the First Congregational Church and Society of Schroon, in special meeting.

Ratified February 19, 1956, by unanimous vote of the Quarterly Conference of the Schroon Lake Methodist Church, in special meeting.

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