



**Application for Membership**  
Des Moines Area Religious Council

Name of Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of authorized  
person from congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Office held: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please check:)

We agree to provide our fair share of support for the work of DMARC.

We will elect or appoint delegates to the DMARC Assembly, at least one of whom will be a faith leader of our congregation, and will provide the names and contact information for these individuals annually.

Please send to: DMARC, 3816 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 202, Des Moines, IA 50310

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## Appendix

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (from Articles of Incorporation)

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to provide an [ecumenical]\* means for cooperation among the people of God of the Greater Des Moines, Iowa area, to study the religious needs of the community, and to promote, through cooperative effort, the spiritual, moral, social, and civic welfare of the community.

### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.2. New Member Eligibility. Any religious congregation of the Greater Des Moines, Iowa area, not presently a member of the Council, which accepts the purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of the Council, is eligible for membership and acceptance as a member pursuant to the procedures set forth in these Bylaws.

Section 3.3. Membership Application and Selection. Written application for membership shall be submitted to the Board, which shall make its report to the next meeting of the Delegate Assembly, which shall act on the application provided that ten (10) days' notice of such application has been given to each member congregation and its delegates. A simple majority vote by written ballot shall entitle the applicant to membership.

Section 3.4. Membership Responsibility. In applying for membership in the Des Moines Area Religious Council each congregation agrees to assume its proportionate share of the cost of the Council's work, including administrative costs, and to appoint a member of its congregation to serve as the key liaison between the Council and the congregation.

### ARTICLE IV THE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Section 4.1. Membership and Vote. The Delegate Assembly of the Council shall consist of at least one faith leader and one lay person from each member congregation. This lay person shall be the key liaison between DMARC and his or her congregation. The names of these delegates shall be submitted to the Council office in writing annually. Members of the Board of directors are also members of the Delegate Assembly. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote on matters submitted for action before the Assembly.

Section 4.2. Regular Meetings. The Delegate Assembly shall meet at least two times a year in March and October. The March Assembly shall be the annual meeting of the Council and include the election and installation of officers and others whose terms commence at such annual meeting.

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\* The Articles of Incorporation are in the process of being amended to reflect our current *interfaith* emphasis and composition.