

Articles of Association

The North American Association for the Study of Religion, Inc.

Article I

Name

The name of the Association shall be "The North American Association for the Study of Religion, Inc."

Article II

Purposes

The Association will engage in whatever lawful activities are permitted to a corporation organized under the Vermont Nonprofit Corporation Act, 11 V.S.A. §2301 et. seq., as in effect from time to time, including but not limited to the following:

- a. To encourage the historical, comparative and structural study of religion in the North American community of scholars, and to promote publication of such scholarly research; and
- b. To represent North American scholars in the study of religion by seeking affiliation with the American Academy of Religion, and by seeking affiliation with the International Association for the History of Religions; and
- c. To do everything necessary, proper, advisable or convenient for the accomplishment of any of the purposes of the attainment of any of the objects or the furtherance of any of the powers herein set forth, and to do every other act and thing incidental thereto and connected therewith, to the extent permitted by law.

Article III

Duration

This Association shall have perpetual existence, commencing upon the filing of these Articles of Association with the Department of State, State of Vermont.

Article IV

Initial Registered Agent and Office  
and Initial Corporate Address

The initial registered agent and office and the initial address of the Association are: Luther Martin, Department of Religion  
University of Vermont  
481 Main Street  
Burlington, Vermont 05405

## Article V

### Incorporation

The name and address of the Incorporator of the Association are:

Luther Martin, Department of Religion  
University of Vermont  
481 Main Street  
Burlington, Vermont 05405

The incorporator is over 18 years of age and a resident of Vermont.

## Article VI

### Initial Board of Directors

The Association shall have three (3) Directors initially. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by action in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws. The names and addresses of the initial Directors of the Association are:

Luther Martin, Department of Religion  
University of Vermont  
481 Main Street  
Burlington, Vermont 05405

E. Thomas Lawson, Department of Religion  
Western Michigan University  
Kalamazoo, MI

Donald Wiebe, Department of Religion  
University of Toronto  
Toronto, Canada

## Article VII

### Indemnification

The Association shall indemnify any officer, director, or employee of the Association, or any former officer, director, or employee of the Association, to the full extent permitted by and as set forth in the Vermont Statutes.

## Article VIII

### Amendment

Unless otherwise set forth herein, the Association reserves the right, in accordance with the Vermont Nonprofit Corporation Act, to amend, alter, modify or repeal any provision or provisions contained in these Articles of Association, or any amendment hereto.

## Article IX

### Membership

The Association may provide in its Bylaws for persons to become members of the Association. Members will be admitted without regard to the membership applicant's sex, race, religion, creed, or national origin.

## Article X

### Dues

The Association may charge dues for members to belong to the Association and may condition membership upon payment of said dues.

## Article XI

### Officers of the Association

- a. The Association shall have a President, Secretary, Treasurer and six (6) members of an Executive Council.
- b. The President shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association for the term of one (1) year and shall preside over all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Council and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by these Articles, the Bylaws, or delegated by the Executive Council.
- c. The Vice President shall serve as President if the President is unable to do so, and shall perform such duties as are assigned to him by the President.
- d. The Executive Secretary - Treasurer shall be chosen by the Executive Council from amongst its members and shall serve for not more than three (3) consecutive one year terms. He or she shall keep complete records of all the proceedings of the Association, keep a roll of the members, conduct the correspondence, see that notices of meetings are sent to members, collect and disburse the funds of the Association in accordance with the policy and budget determined by the Executive Council, keep the financial records of the Association (which shall be open to the inspection of the Executive Council at all times), make a report on the financial state of the Association when requested by the Executive Council, as well as at the Annual Meeting, and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the Executive Council.
- e. The Executive Council shall consist of six (6) members who shall hold office for three year staggered terms, except the initial Executive Council whose members shall serve as follows: two members shall serve for one year terms, two members shall serve for two year terms, and two members shall serve for three year terms. At each annual meeting of the Association one (1) group of two (2) Executive Council members shall be elected to

serve a period of three years. No member may hold more than two consecutive terms of office on the Executive Council. The initial six members of the Executive Council shall be selected by the initial Board of Directors.

f. Only members of the Association shall be eligible to vote and hold office. In the selection of officers of the Association there shall be no discrimination on account of sex, race, religion, creed or national origin.

g. The tenure of all officers of the Association shall commence immediately at the conclusion of the annual business meeting held in the year of their election and shall terminate at the conclusion of the annual business meeting of the year in which their term expires.

h. The initial officers of the Association shall be as follows:

President:	Donald Wiebe University of Toronto Toronto, Canada
Vice President:	E. Thomas Lawson Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, MI
Executive Secretary- Treasurer:	Luther Martin University of Vermont 481 Main Street Burlington, Vermont 05405

i. Any officer of the Association may be removed either with or without cause, at any time, by vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.

## Article XII

### Committees

The Executive Council shall serve as, or shall establish, such other standing or temporary committees as are deemed necessary and determine the membership of said committees, delegating to the committees such authority as the Council sees appropriate.

## Article XII

### Meetings

#### Section 1:

An annual meeting of the Association shall be held in each calendar year in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion.

Section 2:

Special or regional meetings of the Association may be called by the Executive Council. Thirty days written notice of time, place and purpose of all special or regional meetings shall be given and no business shall be transacted at such meetings except such as are included in the call and notice thereof.

Section 3:

At all meetings of the Association a quorum shall be constituted by members present.

Section 4:

Any meetings pertaining to the Association may be held at any place, either inside or outside of the State of Vermont.

Article XIV

Bylaws

1. The Board of Directors may make bylaws and from time to time alter, amend or repeal any bylaws by a two-thirds vote of all Directors. Said power may be exercised at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of the Association. Notice of the substance of such proposed bylaws and proposals to alter, amend or repeal bylaws shall be distributed to all members of the Board of Directors at least ten (10) days before the meeting at which they are to be considered.

2. The members may make bylaws and from time to time alter, amend or repeal any bylaws by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regularly constituted annual meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose of making, altering, amending or repealing bylaws. Notice of the substance of such proposed bylaws and proposals to alter, amend or repeal bylaws shall be distributed to all members of the Association at least thirty (30) days before the meeting at which they are to be considered.

Article XV

Dissolution

Section 1:

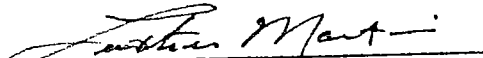
The Association may be dissolved through the following procedure: The Board of Directors shall adopt a resolution recommending that the Association be dissolved, and directing that the question of such dissolution be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members entitled to vote thereon, which may be either an annual or a special meeting. Written notice stating that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of such meeting is to consider the advisability of dissolving the corporation, shall be given to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, within the time and in the manner provided in the Vermont Nonprofit Corporation Act for the giving of notice of

meetings of members. A resolution to dissolve the Association shall be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds of the votes which members present at such meeting or represented by proxy are entitled to cast.

Section 2:

Upon the adoption of such resolution the Association shall cease to conduct its affairs except insofar as may be necessary for the winding up thereof, shall immediately cause a notice of the proposed dissolution to be mailed to each known creditor of the Association, and shall proceed to collect its assets and apply and distribute them as provided in the Vermont Nonprofit Corporation Act.

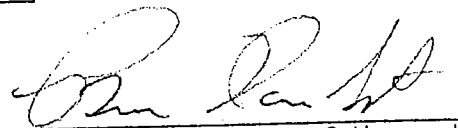
In Witness Whereof, the above named incorporator has hereunto subscribed his name this 19 day of February, 1987.

  
Luther Martin

State of Vermont  
County of Chittenden

Before me, the undersigned officer, this day personally appeared Luther Martin, to me well known and well known to me to be the person described in and who subscribed his name to the foregoing Articles of Association and acknowledged before me that he executed said Article of Association for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and official seal at the County and State aforesaid this 19 day of February, 1987

  
Notary Public, State of Vermont