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## ASBURY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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### "Attachment"

#### Claim for Exemption Under Section 86.12

Asbury Theological Seminary is a graduate professional school of theology, organized for the purpose of training men and women for Christian ministry. The Seminary is a confessional institution, adhering to certain religious persuasions as set forth in its Articles of Incorporation. No person may be elected to the Board of Trustees, to an official position in the corporation, or employed as an administrator or faculty member unless that person fully subscribes to the theological tenets upon which the Seminary was founded.

Sections D, E and G of Article IV of the Seminary's Articles of Incorporation are reproduced below. These paragraphs have likewise been printed in the Seminary's 1976-1977 catalog.

#### ARTICLE IV (Purpose and Doctrinal Standards)

##### Section D

To maintain the corporation as a Theological Seminary for the promotion of Theological Education. It will be the OBJECT of this Seminary to prepare and send forth a well-trained, sanctified, Spirit-filled, evangelistic ministry. This Seminary will emphasize in its teaching the divine inspiration and infallibility of the Holy Scriptures, the Virgin Birth, Godhead, Vicarious Sufferings, and bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The instruction of this Seminary will fully recognize the fallen estate of mankind, the necessity of individual regeneration, the witness of the Spirit, the remains of the carnal nature, and entire sanctification as a second work of grace subsequent to regeneration. The instruction in this Seminary will conform fully to the Wesleyan interpretation of the Scripture. The instructors in this institution will guard with jealous care against any sort of teaching in sympathy with modern liberalism.

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Section E

No person shall be elected to the Board of Trustees, or to an official position, in this corporation, nor shall any person be employed as an instructor, in its corps of teachers who is not in full sympathy with the Wesleyan interpretation of the Scriptures on Entire Sanctification, and who does not in humble faith trust in Christ for full deliverance from all sin.

Section G

It is the FULL PURPOSE of the incorporation of this institution, and it must be the FULL PURPOSE of the Trustees, Administrators and Faculty, of the incorporation as well as all donors, givers, bestowers, and contributors to the corporation, by the use of all proper means to spread Scriptural Holiness over all these lands.

The Seminary contends that Sections 86.21 (c), 86.40 and 86.57 of Title IX are in conflict with the theological position stated in Article IV, Sections D, E and G of the Articles of Incorporation of Asbury Theological Seminary. Those portions of Title IX prohibit the Seminary from making any differentiation between a person who is pregnant within the confines of marriage and one who is pregnant outside the marital state. Asbury Theological Seminary's theology of the Christian life, as expressed in the Articles of Incorporation, affirms that pregnancy is a privilege of the marriage relationship solely.

On these grounds, applicant respectfully requests the granting of an exemption from those parts of Title IX which are inconsistent with the religious tenets of Asbury Theological Seminary.

Asbury Theological Seminary

By:

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