

# The Creation of Zion Community Enterprise, Inc.

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Zion Baptist Church  
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## A Brief Overview...

- Zion Baptist Enterprise was incorporated in 1979.
- Original purpose (as stated in the articles of incorporation)
  - To provide adequate housing and related facilities and services for the elderly (and a nursing home facility providing competent personnel to assure efficient, safe and healthful care, for such elderly persons in the Washington Metropolitan Area).
- ZBE's Board of Directors was disbanded in 2012.
- ZBE has been operating under the direction of Zion Baptist Church's Board of Trustees with advisement from the ZBE Advisory Committee.

# Advisory Committee's Accomplishments

The Committee has provided recommendations to ZBC's Board of Trustees (BOT) on the:

- ✓ Creation of Zion Community Enterprise, Inc.
- ✓ Development of Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation in alignment with the corporation's vision and needs of the community.
- ✓ Communications to the Zion Baptist Church body
- ✓ Selection of a recommended slate of board of directors to be presented at the semi-annual church meeting

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- To maintain compliance with DC statutory regulations and to expand the purpose of the corporation, the Committee advised the Board of Trustees to create a new entity which would better serve the community.
- Zion Community Enterprise, Inc. will be run by its Board of Directors; ZBC's Board of Trustees will not have oversight of the corporation.

# The Mission of ZCE

Zion Community Enterprise's motto is *Healthy Families Make Healthy Communities*. Zion Community Enterprise will continue to administer the GNJ Senior Day Care Program in order to provide quality day care for seniors and respite care opportunities for families caring for elderly family members. In addition, Zion Community Enterprise will seek to promote healthy communities in the Washington Metropolitan Area by providing critical support to families in crisis. This will be accomplished through encouraging and empowering families in the Washington Metropolitan Area through training, advocacy, crisis intervention, temporary housing opportunities and other community engagement programming specifically designed to foster healthy families.

# Overview of ZCE Organizational Bylaws

- The initial Board of Directors will consist of 7 directors, proposed by the Advisory Committee and the Pastor, who will serve a term of 3 years.
- The minimum number of directors may not be fewer than 5, and the maximum may not exceed 15.
- Officers of the Board of Directors shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Executive Director, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in June (or at a time soon thereafter) of each year at a designated time and location.
- The Board of Directors will provide an annual report to the members of Zion Baptist Church detailing the status of ongoing activities and programs.

# Next Steps...

- Elect initial Board of Directors (June 19, 2015)
- Continue to run ZBE in parallel with ZCE until the current senior daycare center grant year ends (October 2015)
- Apply for Department of Aging grant under the new organization (July 2015)