

**New York, New York Co. NY
(Brevoort)**

Whereas an unincorporated society known as The Universalist Mission Church of the City of New York has existed in said City since the year 1858, and by the assistance of other Universalist churches of the vicinity, funds have lately been raised to commence the erection of a Church Edifice, in which said Society may worship; and it has been determined by said Society, that the object for which it was formed may be better attained by an organization under an act of the Legislature of the State of New York passed April 13th 1854, entitled "An act for the incorporation of societies to establish free churches,"

Now therefore, this instrument executed in triplicate, may certify to all whom it may concern, that we the undersigned members of said Mission Church—persons of full age, residents of the City, County and State of New York, and citizens of the United States of America, have associated ourselves in order to effect an organization under said act.

That said organization shall be known in the law by the name or title of "The First Universalist Mission Society of the City of New York."

That said Society is organized for the purpose of establishing and continuing a Free Christian Church, in said City of New York, for the worship of One Infinite God, as the Creator and Ruler of the Universe, in which shall be preached and taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ, revealing the Universal Fatherhood of God, the Immortality of the human soul, the inevitable punishment of sin, and the sure Reward of Obedience, as present and ever living principles, and a Sublime Faith in the future eternal holiness and happiness of All.

That James Cushing Jr., Robert F. Smith, Benjamin F. Romaine, Volney S. Fulham, George G. Needham, Orren Hutchinson, and Maltby K. Pelletreau, neither [sic] of them ministers of the Gospel, or priests of any denomination, and all of them citizens of the United States and residents of the City, County and State of New York, are the seven Trustees required by said act, to manage said Society.

The first four of said Trustees are respectively taken from the several boards of trustees of the Second, Third, Fourth and Sixth Universalist Societies of the City of New York, as an evidence of our appreciation of the aid already given by our denominational friends, and to secure their continued sympathy and cooperation in [the] future; and the last three of said Trustees are members of said Mission Church.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this seventeenth day of May A.D. 1869.

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*Geo. G. Needham
Orren Hutchinson
Maltby K. Pelletreau
Charles Butts
W. S. Chase
C. A. Needham
George W. Wood*

City, County and
State of New York

On this May 18th 1869 before me personally came George G. Needham, Orren Hutchinson, Maltby K. Pelletreau, Charles Butts, William S. Chase, Charles A. Needham and George W. Wood, to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate and they severally acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein mentioned.

D. A. Adams
[illegible title]

City, County and
State of New York

I, Tho^s. W^m. Clarke, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court in the First Judicial District of the State of New York, hereby give my consent and approbation that the within certificate be filed according to law. Dated May 20th, 1869—

T. W. Clarke

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