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April 8, 1961

Mr. M. W. Cobb
Delgoville, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cobb.

Replying to your letter of March 16th
concerning severing our ties with the
Universalist Convention.

We became a federated Church on
November 2, 1922 consisting of the union
of the First Congregational and the First
Universalist Churches of Carthage, N. Y.
and open to any other body of Christian
people wishing to unite.

We aim to be a purely unsectarian
Christian Church working solely for the
welfare of all and omitting all non-essentials
in the doctrines which we are agreed
are in any way essential for the
salvation of souls.

(Above is an excerpt from our Constitution.)

We have about 300 members - 5 of
whom are definitely Universalist. In
reference to these people we voted to
make no changes.

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We shall continue as agreed to give one third of that which we have to the Universalists and two thirds to the Congregationalists

Dr. Max Kapp and Dr. Paine, both Universalists have served as interim pastors.

Since our Church became federated we have had three following full time pastors - three Universalist, two Presbyterian and two Congregational.

From 1938 until 1954, one minister served both the local Presbyterian and United Christian Churches.

We called Rev. Blanchard to serve our Church only.

Reverend Wood is serving us impartially and we hope and pray he may continue to do so.

Sincerely

Agnes Shampine

ROGER A. WILLIAMS

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March 25, 1966

New York State Convention of Universalists
Office of the Secretary
Syracuse, New York

Dear Sir:

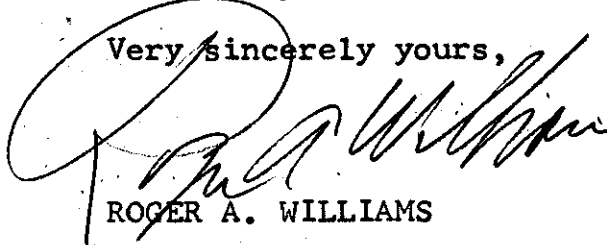
The undersigned is the Attorney for the United Christian Church of West Carthage, New York. On January 20, 1966, the United Christian Church at its annual congregational meeting proposed to take action pursuant to the appropriate sections of the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York for the purpose of consolidating into one Church, what formerly were the Universalist Society of Carthage, New York which has long since ceased to be active; and, the Congregationalist Society of West Carthage, New York.

In 1922 there was an informal agreement between the First Congregational Church of Carthage, N. Y., and the First Universalist Church of Carthage, N. Y., by which the organizations agreed to associate together under the name of the United Christian Church of Carthage, New York. According to this agreement the Congregational Church contributed a building and the Universalist Church contributed certain items of personal property including some money and other assets. However, the agreement was never recorded and it was not properly signed and therefore remains a very informal agreement of association.

It is the intention of the present members of the Congregationalists to accomplish a legal consolidation and to eliminate such ties concerning the Universalist Church and to re-incorporate pursuant to the provisions of the law under the name of the First United Church of Christ of Carthage, New York.

It is my purpose in writing this letter to determine what records, if any, you have of the former Universalist Church of Carthage, and whether or not your office would have any objection to the consolidation of these two bodies, and whether or not you have any information in regard to the association of 1922. We would appreciate a response to this letter as soon as conveniently possible.

Very sincerely yours,



ROGER A. WILLIAMS

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April 28, 1966

Mr. Roger A. Williams, Attorney at Law
325 State Street
Carthage, New York 13619

Re: First Universalist Church of Carthage, New York
United Christian Church of West Carthage, New York

Dear Mr. Williams:

Your letter of March 25, 1966 was presented to the Executive Board of the New York State Convention of Universalists at its meeting on April 23rd.

The Executive Board found no objection with the proposed consolidation of the Universalist Society of Carthage and the Congregational Society of West Carthage.

However the Board did state that this agreement is conditional on the willingness of the United Christian Church, or whoever is the proper trustee, to turn over to the Convention "any funds restricted solely for Universalist purposes".

The Board also requests that the Convention be notified at such time as the proposed consolidation is accomplished so that the Universalist Society may be removed from our records as an existing society.

I shall be pleased to assist you in any way within my power.

Sincerely yours,

Robert W. Sterling
Secretary

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