

Petition of the Universalist Society
for Fellowship.
1873

To the New York
State Convention of Universalists,
in Session in the City
of Lockport, September, 1873.

The undersigned respectfully represent that the Second Universalist Society of Syracuse, was duly organized, January 6, 1873, in accordance with the laws and regulations established by the General Convention for the Organization of Parishes.

We further represent that said Society numbers at this date, one hundred and twenty members, and has connected with it, a thoroughly organized and flourishing Sunday School, num-

being one hundred and
seven scholars, seven general
officers, and ten teachers.

With good prospects be-
fore us for building up a
successful Universalist Parish,
we respectfully petition for the
Fellowship of this Convention—

M. G. Filled

Honour Bronson

De Witt C. Gray

Nelson Ritter

Henry Van Dine

Edward Abel

Charles Annable

Trustees.

Dated Syracuse Aug 21. 1873.

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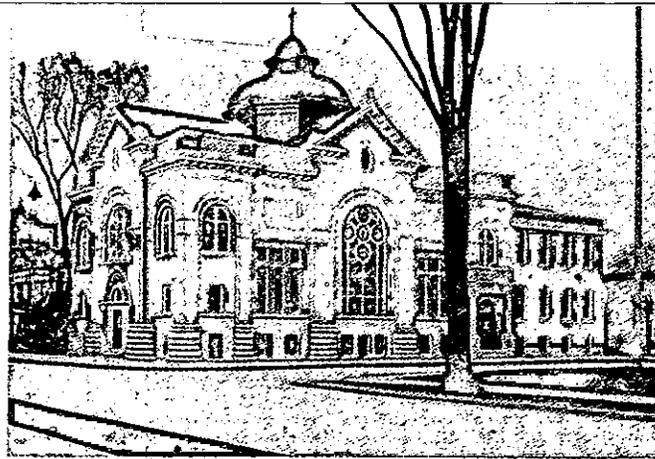
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Source: William H. McGlaulin
D.D., What the Universalist
Church is Doing (Boston:
1909) p. 36

Betts Memorial Universalist
Church



MEETING OF THE NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION
OF UNIVERSALISTS
at the First Universalist Society of Syracuse, 1907

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Dear Friends in the St. Lawrence District,

Thank you for celebrating and commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the vote to consolidate the Universalist and Unitarian movements. Half a century after deciding to merge is a natural time for all Unitarian Universalists to take stock, to see ourselves in historical context.

It took courage for Universalists and Unitarians to vote for a merger. It meant letting go of what was familiar and comfortable. It meant creating more than a new organization; voting to merge was a commitment to create a new identity. Their decision was an affirmation of new possibility.

The work of living into those possibilities remains today. As we prepare to begin our second fifty years, new possibilities call to us. New challenges confront us. America is in the midst of a historic demographic change. The future is a multi-cultural, multi-racial, multi-ethnic future. If we are to thrive, if our saving message of inclusion, compassion, community, justice and sustainability are going to transform lives and change the world, we must be like the forebears we honor. We must take risks. We must embrace the possibilities of the future. We must leave behind that which no longer serves us.

Let us join in celebrating the past. And let us always remember that the best way to honor our heroines and heroes is to emulate them. The world cries out for acceptance, for love, for depth, for commitment. Let us join together to make real the promise inherent in the joining of our two faith traditions. Let us celebrate our history even as we seize a new historic opportunity.

Faithfully,

Peter Morales
President

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