

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

We, the undersigned, all citizens of the United States and a majority citizens and residents of the District of Columbia, desiring to associate ourselves as a corporation pursuant to the provision of Title 29 of Chapter of the District of Columbia Code (1940), do hereby certify as follows:

FIRST. The name or title by which this corporation shall be known in law shall be Washington Ethical Society.

SECOND. The term for which it is organized shall be perpetual.

THIRD. The particular business and objects of said corporation shall be to constitute a liberal religious fellowship, without restrictions of race or creed, which will promote and further the principles of the Ethical Movement as a member society of the American Ethical Union; to provide a place for meeting together; to provide and maintain facilities for religious education for youth in the principles of the Ethical Movement; and to engage in educational activities, public service, and social action.

For such purposes it shall have and possess any and all the rights, powers, and privileges permitted by law and necessary, suitable, or proper for the attainment of its aims and purposes, including, among other powers and without limitation by such enumeration, the right of acquiring, taking, receiving and holding all manner of land, tenements, leaseholds, or any other kind of real estate or any interest therein, and of owning, improving, leasing, and disposing of the same; borrowing money and securing the same by mortgage upon its real estate and otherwise, acquiring, holding, and owning any kind of property, goods, and chattels acquired by it in any manner, and of employing, renting, and disposing of the same for the purposes for which the corporation is formed and to further its general welfare; and receiving any and all types of gifts, bequests, and devises, and of entering into, making, preparing, and carrying out contracts of every sort and kind which may be necessary or convenient for the business and purposes of this corporation and which may be permitted by law.


FOURTH. The number of its trustees, directors or managers for the first year of its existence shall be twelve.

FIFTH. The corporation shall have no capital stock but shall be an association controlled by its members. Membership shall be open, without restriction as to race or creed, to any person who complies with requirements of the by-laws.

SIXTH. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors subject to the provisions of the by-laws.

SEVENTH. Upon dissolution of the corporation, any assets remaining after discharging its just debts and obligations and disposing of the residue of any donation, devise, or bequest in accordance with its terms shall be turned over to the American Ethical Union or any organization successor thereto.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have this 29th day of August, 1949, hereto set our hands and seals.



Dr. George E. Beauchamp



Leslie D. MacIntyre



Gustav Auzenne, Jr.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, SS:

I, Alice MacIntyre, a Notary Public in and for the District of Columbia, do hereby certify that Dr. George E. Beauchamp, Leader, 2941 Newark St., N.W., Washington, D. C., Mr. Leslie D. MacIntyre, President, 3362b S. Wakefield St., Arlington, Va., and ^{Mr.}Gustav Auzenne, Jr., Treasurer, 1213 Park Road, N. W., Washington, D. C., parties to a certain Certificate of Incorporation bearing date on the 29th day of August, 1949, and hereto annexed, personally appeared before me in said District, the said incorporators being personally well known to me as the persons who executed the

said Certificate of Incorporation, and severally acknowledged the same to be their act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of August 1949.

Alice MacIntyre
Notary Public

My commission expires Sept. 1, 1953

Filed by Louis Sissman, 1:38 P.M. Wednesday, Oct 20, 1949.