

**CONSTITUTION OF THE  
FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF MILWAUKEE**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin passed an Act to incorporate "The First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee" on March 17, 1859; and

WHEREAS, said Society is affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association; and

WHEREAS, the members of said Society wish to restate its Constitution in its entirety:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of said Society, on December 12, 1982 adopt and restate its Constitution in its entirety as follows:

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Article I

Name

The name of this Society shall be "The First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee."

Article II

Purpose

With recognition of our Judaeo-Christian heritage and of the teachings of the great leaders of other religious traditions, we unite as a religious community: to promote the free and disciplined search for truth through worship, study, service, and fellowship; to advocate the worth of every human being; and to recognize the inviolability of the individual conscience in matters of religion.

Article III

Membership

A. Voting Membership. Voting membership in the Society is open to all persons who are at least 16 years old and who subscribe to the purpose and program of this Society, its By-Laws and Constitution. Voting membership is established by satisfying requirements prescribed by the By-Laws, signing the membership book and

agreeing to make a regular recorded contribution to the Society. A new member shall be eligible to vote on Society business sixty (60) days after meeting the requirements for membership.

B. Additional Categories of Membership. The Board of Trustees may create such additional categories of membership as it deems appropriate. Members of such categories will not be eligible to vote on Society business.

C. Removal from Membership. The Board of Trustees may, at any time, remove from membership, and the appropriate membership list, and person because:

(1) Such person died, resigned from membership, or failed to respond affirmatively within sixty (60) days to a letter inquiring whether such person wishes to continue his or her membership; or

(2) Such person removed his or her residence so far from Milwaukee that he or she no longer either regularly attends the services of the Society or, in case of a voting member, does not agree to make a regular recorded contribution to the Society; or

(3) Such person joined another Unitarian Church in the Milwaukee metropolitan area or has so identified himself or herself with some other religious organization as to signify a primary interest therein; or

(4) The behavior of such person is, in the reasonable judgment of the Board of Trustees, materially detrimental to the continued functioning of the Society.

In cases other than death or resignation, notice of the removal of any person from membership shall be mailed to such person by the Secretary and such person shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for hearing before the Board of Trustees prior to a final vote on removal.

#### Article IV

#### Committees

Committees of the Society will be in the number and in the form as set forth in the By-Laws of the Society.

#### Article V

#### Trustees

A. Number and Term. The number, but not less than three, the term, duties and powers of the Trustees shall be as set forth in this Constitution and the By-Laws of the Society.

B. Title to Property. This title to all property of the Society shall be vested in the Trustees of the Society and no conveyance of the real estate owned by the Society shall be made except upon a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote by those voting members personally in attendance at a meeting at which not less than twenty percent (20%) of all voting members are personally present. Such a meeting shall be called for such purpose pursuant to written notice to the voting membership given not less than thirty (30) days in advance of such meeting.

C. Safety Deposit Box. a safety deposit box in the name of the Society shall be maintained under the joint control of the President of the board of Trustees or of a Trustee designated by the Board, and the Treasurer of the Society. The number and place of the safety deposit box shall be filed with the Secretary of the Society.

D. Annual Meeting. The members shall hold an annual meeting in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws relating thereto.

Article VI  
Chapter 181 Wis. Stats.

This Society shall conduct and administer its business and affairs under the provisions of Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes of 1979-80, as they may be amended from time to time, to the extent such provisions of Chapter 181, as amended from time to time, are not inconsistent with this Constitution, the By-Laws of this Society, or any law relating to this Society.

Article VII  
Amendment

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of voting members by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members personally present, at which not less than twenty percent (20%) of all voting members shall be personally present, and which meeting shall be called for such purpose pursuant to written notice to the voting membership given not less than thirty (30) days in advance of such meeting.