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LETTER OF APPLICATION
for membership in the American Unitarian Association

Rev. Dana McLean Greeley, Secretary
Board of Directors
American Unitarian Association
25 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Greeley:

On November 15, 1953, the Unitarian Fellowship of Ashland, Oregon was organized with 14 members; the enclosed set of bylaws was adopted, and the following persons have been elected as officers:

- V. LYNN SESSIONS 123 6th ST, Ashland, Ore, President, Chairman or Leader
- Wm. E. HANSEN, Vice-President, or Assistant Leader
- LOUISE W. SESSIONS, Secretary
- ", Treasurer (ACTING)

Others: C. L. WILLIAMS
CLIFFORD CAIN } MEMBERS, EXEC. COMM.

Expressing its approval of or general sympathy with the purpose of the Association, it is the desire of this Fellowship to become a member organization of the American Unitarian Association. We herewith enclose a contribution of 6.50 dollars. It is our understanding that if this contribution is accepted by the Board of Directors before April 30th, our Fellowship will be entitled to be represented at all meetings of the Association by one accredited delegate during the year beginning on the following May 1.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Lynn Sessions
President or Leader
Louise W. Sessions
Secretary

Information for the Fellowship Office Files:

We plan to hold meetings of the Fellowship 2 times monthly, on SUNDAY (day of the week) at 7:30 AM (hour), at homes of members (at present) (place). It is expected that most of the meetings will be of the following type: Worship and/or discussion (worship, discussion, guest speakers, etc.)

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I Name

The name of this religious society shall be "The Unitarian Fellowship of Ashland", Oregon.

ARTICLE II Purpose

In the discipline of Truth, irrespective of its source, and in the spirit of Universal Brotherhood, undivided by nation, race, or creed, we unite to strengthen our convictions in the value and need for liberal religion, and through the strength of unity, to give such expression to these convictions, as the fellowship decides.

ARTICLE III Membership

Any person may become a voting member of this Fellowship who is in sympathy with its Purpose and program, whose application has been approved by the Executive Committee and whose membership dues have been paid.

Article IV Denominational Affiliation

This Fellowship shall be a member of the American Unitarian Association and of the Unitarian regional conference of the area in which it is located.

ARTICLE V Meetings

The regular meetings of the Fellowship shall be determined by the Fellowship itself. The Annual Meeting shall be held each year in the month of April at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Executive Committee. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee, and the business to be transacted shall be mentioned in the call of the meeting. Fifty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum, until such time as the membership reaches thirty, when thirty percent shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI Officers

At each Annual Meeting there shall be chosen by ballot a Chairman, a Vice-chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, all of whom shall hold their offices for one year and until their successors have been elected and qualified, and who shall perform the duties usually pertaining to these offices, except that, at the discretion of the membership, the secretary may also hold the office of treasurer, until such time as there is sufficient business to call for two persons in these offices. The officers together with two other members of the Fellowship, elected by the membership, shall constitute the executive committee. A nominating committee of three members shall also be elected at the Annual Meeting. No person shall hold the same office longer than two full terms.

The Executive Committee shall have general charge of the property of the Fellowship, and the conduct of all of its business affairs and the control of its administration, including the appointment of such committees as it may deem necessary. It may fill vacancies, and persons so elected shall serve until the next Annual Meeting. All officers shall be voting members of the Fellowship.

BYLAWS Cont.

ARTICLE VII Finances

The manner in which the expenses of the Fellowship shall be apportioned among its members and the dates of collection of amounts so apportioned shall be determined by the Fellowship itself.

ARTICLE VIII Fiscal Year

begin may 1 and
The fiscal year shall end April 30.

ARTICLE IX Amendments

These bylaws may be amended or repealed at any meeting of the Fellowship by a majority vote of those present and voting, providing that a quorum is present, until such time as the membership reaches 30 when a two-thirds vote of the membership will be Necessary to amend or repeal. *written notice* Notice of any proposed change shall be contained in the notice of the meeting.

Mr. Wm. Hansen

Mrs. Phyllis Hansen
525 "B" St., Ashland

Mr. Charles Bird

Mrs. Joyce Bird
401 Taylor St., Ashland

Mr. V. Lynn Sessions

Mrs. Louise Sessions
123 - 6th St., Ashland

Following is a list of members:

Mr. Don Dewey

Mrs. Charlotte Dewey

208 Hagar Drive, Apt. 3, Ashland

Mr. Harold Cloer

Southern Oregon College, Ashland

Mr. C. L. Williams

400 Morton St., Ashland

Mr. Stafford^G Thomas

156 Union St.

Ashland, Ore

Mr. Clifford Cain

715 W. Main, Medford

Dr. Arthur Kreisman

Mrs. Evelyn Kreisman

111 Bush St., Ashland

November 25, 1953

Mr. V. Lynn Sessions
123 6th Street
Ashland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Sessions:

The application from the newly organized Unitarian Fellowship of Ashland has been received, together with a copy of your bylaws, a contribution in the amount of \$6.50 and your membership list. All seems to be in order. As the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors will meet early in December, your application will be submitted at that time, and when approved, you will hear directly from the Secretary of the American Unitarian Association, who is now Rev. Walter D. Kring. In the meantime, however, we wish to welcome you as the 118th Fellowship now affiliated with the Association. Under separate cover we are forwarding you, for the Fellowship, a complimentary copy of the new Year Book, "Prayers of the Free Spirit," "Unitarianism: Some Past History and Present Meanings," and "The Unitarian Fellowship Ryan and Service Book." Additional copies of the latter may be ordered at \$1 each if you wish them.

Incidentally, here is the name of one other individual living in Medford: Mr. Edward G. Root, 3261 J-ville Hi-way, who is a subscriber to "The Christian Register," the denominational magazine.

It might be of interest and value for you to correspond with Dr. V. E. Mikkelsen, Rt. 1, Box 1309X, who is President of our Fellowship in Grants Pass. I am sure that you could be of mutual assistance to one another, as they have spent some time developing a religious education program for their children, and since you are located in a college community I am certain that members or friends of your group could occasionally serve as speakers for them. Naturally we will leave this for you to work out as you see fit.

Would you please ask your Secretary, Louise Sessions, if she would send us copies of the minutes of your meetings, that we may be aware of your program and thus able to serve you better. And do let us know how we may work closely with you.

Cordially yours,

MUNROE HUSBANDS
Fellowship Director

MH:
Cc-Ricker, Mikkelson

I approve the application of the Unitarian Fellowship
of Ashland, Oregon for membership in the
American Unitarian Association.

Date: 11/27/53

(Signed) Frank Fisher

I approve the application of the Unitarian Fellowship
of Ashland, Oregon for membership in the
American Unitarian Association.

Date: Dec. 5, 1953

(Signed) Mrs. A. Bruce Steele

*Am not sure you require my signature,
but I do like to have this information!
Thank you!*

I approve the application of the Unitarian Fellowship
of Ashland, Oregon for membership in the
American Unitarian Association.

Date: Dec 9th, 1953

(Signed) Robert H. Lemett