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We, the undersigned, Robert J. Kent, presiding officer and B. B. Kendrick and H. H. Judson, Inspectors of Election do hereby certify as follows:

- I. That the notice of the meeting of the members of the Union Congregational Church of Forest Hills Gardens, New York, to determine whether the said Church should become incorporated was duly given pursuant to Chapter 51 of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York, Article 8, Section 160 thereof, and such meeting was held in accordance therewith on the 5th day of June at 3 o'clock in the evening thereof.
- II. That Robert J. Kent was presiding officer at such meeting and B. B. Kendrick and H. H. Judson were present and duly appointed Inspectors of Election thereof.
- III. That at such meeting it was determined to incorporate such Church as a religious corporation pursuant to Chapter 51 of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York, Article 8, Section 161 and 162 and the acts amendatory thereof.

IV. That the name of the proposed corporation as decided at such meeting is the Church in the Gardens.

V. That the principal place of worship of the said corporation is to be located at Forest Hills Gardens, Queens County, New York.

VI. That the number of Trustees decided upon at such meeting was three.

VII. That the name of the trustee elected at such meeting to hold office until the first annual meeting is H. H. Buckley.

VIII. That the name of the trustee elected at such meeting to hold office until the second annual meeting is H. H. Judson.

IX. That the name of the trustee elected at such meeting to hold office until the third annual meeting is William A. Rice.

X. That the date fixed at such meeting for holding the first annual meeting for the election of trustees of the said corporation was the first Wednesday

after the first Sunday in January 1914.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have signed, acknowledged and filed this Certificate, this 7th day of June, 1913.

ROBERT J. KENT H. H. JUDSON B. B. KENDRICK.

COUNTY OF QUEENS

On this 7th day of June, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, before me personally came ROBERT J. KENT, H. H. JUDSON and B. B. KENDRICK, to me known and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

CHARLES B. NHLCAMP (L.S.)
Commission of Deeds, City of New York #20.

Recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County of Queens in Liber No. 12, Page 224, of Cert. of Incorporations on June 10, 1913, at 9-14 A.M. LEONARD RUOFF, CLERK.

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The Church in the Gardens November 22, 1913

Infant baptism tomorrow morning. The baptismal bowl presented by the Primary Department of the Lewis Avenue Church will be used for the first time.

The names of eight additional charter members were read at the communion service last Sunday. By vote of the Church all persons uniting before the annual meeting in January are to be exprolled charter members. Come and join us.

The first sociable for friends and neighbors was a notable success We shall have several more during the Winter.

The hedge, shrubs and trees planted about the chapel add much to its attractiveness. The new chairs are expected in a few days.

If various meetings not strictly religious, yet not incompruous with the character and aim of the Church, are held in the chapel, it is because the Church in the Gardens wishes to be helpful and neighborly in the early life of the community. Perhaps some day a more suitable place will be provided.

The next second service will be on the first Sunday in December when a vesper service will be held from 4.30-5.30.

A union service will be held Thanksgiving morning at eleven o' clock in the Church of Forest Hills, Seminole Avenue and Gown Street. The pastor of the Church in the Gardens will preach. Let us have a large number from the Gardens. Patriotism and devotion should blend in this service.

Dr. Rice is just back from the great National Council of Congregational Churches in Kansas City. He will tell us about it a week from tomorrow at the morning service. Don't miss it.

Sunday-school meet's at ten o'clock. Welcome.

Mrs. Colivell Greenway North

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The Church in the Gardens

At the service to-morrow morning Dr. Kent will begin the practice of giving a talk to the children before the regular sermon. There will be an opportunity for those to leave quietly after it whose parents think it best for them not to remain through the service.

Bear in mind the vesper service to-morrow afternoon from 4.30 - 5.30. It will be a service of song with an address by Dr. Kent on "The Prosperous Man". Mrs. Kaighn will sing.

Our friends and neighbors are invited to a recognition service next Friday night beginning promptly at eight o'clock. The Church in the Gardens, while free of all outside ecclesiastical control, wishes to be in fellowship with other churches, to give and receive counsel and to co-operate in large movements to establish the Kingdom of God. A number of churches of Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens have been invited to meet in the afternoon in council at 4. 30 o'clock, to hear the story of the organization of our church and arrange for a public service of recognition in the evening. Dr. Lyman of Brooklyn will preach; Dr. Jefferson and other prominent pastors will attend.

A fine lecture on the child, the home and the school will be given by Dr. Kilpatrick of Columbia University in the chapel on Monday night, Dec. 15, at 8.15. All invited.

The committee on a men's organization will call a meeting soon and report a plan of organization.

The meeting for prayer will be held in the chapel well-enday end-

The Sunday-school will have part in the Christmas service of the Church Sunday morning, the 21st, and hold its festival Morning might the 28 d.

Keep the DULLBATH for reference.

Saturday, Decemer 5th, 1913

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The Opening Service

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The Church in the Gardens

Reu. Robert J. Kent, D. D., Pastor

Sunday Morning, November 9th, 1913

at eleven o'clock

Forest Kills Gardens, L. I.

Order of Service

Arelude

The Call to Worship. Congregation standing.

Minister. O come, let us worship and bow down. People. Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

Minister. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving:

People. And make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Minister. God is a spirit:

People. And they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Doxology and Invocation

Hymn 9

The Laur. Minister and people together. He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The Beatitudes. Minister and people responsively.

Blessed are the poor in spirit:

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn:

For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:

For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:

For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful:

For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart:

For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:

For they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake:

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Gloria Patri

Confragion of Faith (Adopted by the Church in the Gardens).

Led by Rev. Dr. Marcus Taft.

We betieve in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and we trust in His infinite mercy, His perfect holiness and His everlasting love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Saviour; who loved us and gave Himself for us; and who ever liveth,—the Life and the Light of men, the Lord and Master of us all. His name we take and His steps we follow, seeking to be filled with His spirit and to be transformed into His likeness.

We believe that God through the Holy Spirit ever seeks to draw the heart of man from evil; to enlighten our darkness; to comfort our sorrow; to inspire our hope; to reveal the truth; and to sustain the life of faith and service. To this end he uses especially the Bible, the record of the revelation of His gracious character and purpose.

We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed the Kingdom of God as His plan for mankind; that He commands us to fulfil it by implicit faith in God as the Father, by constant communion with Him in prayer, by living with men as brothers, by infusing all the relations of life with His spirit, and by extending the knowledge of His redeeming love to earth's remotest bounds.

Hymn 203
Scripture Lesson
Prayer of Consecration
Offertury
Solo—"Open the Gates of the Temple"
Sermon—"Not by Bread Alone."
Hymn 186
Prayer and Benediction

Rev. G. T. Scott

Mrs. Kaighn

Welcome to our new home. Let us be happy in it until we get a permanent one, more substantial, commodious and beautiful.

Thanks to all who have subscribed to the building fund. We need further subscriptions to pay for foundation, light, heat and furnishings. Glad to have our friends and neighbors help.

The Church of Forest Hills, Rev. J. C. Hollyman, pastor, has been invited to join with us in a union service this evening beginning at 7:45.

An informal social gathering of the members and friends of the Church will take place Friday evening of this week, in the Chapel, at 8 o'clock. Come.

Sunday School regularly at ten o'clock. Wanted: more scholars and teachers.

Vote on the question of a second service on Sunday. In deciding whether to hold a second service, once a month or every Sunday, afternoon or evening, the officers would like to know the wishes of the people.

Prayer Meeting this week at Mrs. Colwell's.

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BULLETIN, April 4, 1914

PALM SUNDAY to-morrow. A day of unusual interest. The choir that is preparing special music for Easter will sing at the service to-morrow as well. Then the communion will be administered and new members will be received. The new communion service given by friends in the Lewis Avenue Church will be publicly presented and received. Come early.

GOOD FRIDAY will be observed by holding a meeting in the evening for meditation, Scripture reading, prayer and consecration. It will take the place of the usual Wednesday night meeting.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD will postpone its meeting which would fall on Good Friday afternoon. Concentrate on the evening service.

THE EASTER SERVICE will begin at ten-thirty instead of eleven, because the Sunday School and the Church are to unite. There will be some selections by the School and several by the choir. Parents may present their children for baptism. All our friends and neighbors are invited.

THE EASTER OFFERING has been presented in a letter sent out by a committee of the Board of Trustees. We want to complete the payment for the foundation and equipment of the chapel. And we ask everybody to join in the offering.

WE APPRECIATE the kindness and interest of all who are rehearsing under the able direction of Mrs. Scammell for the special music on Palm Sunday and Easter. These are days when the jubilant note in our Christian life and faith should be struck.

NO AFTERNOON SERVICE to-morrow. Let us put our strength on the morning service and on Easter and Good Friday night.

THANKS to our good friend, Mr. Perry, for the neat board walk he made and laid between the side-walk and the chapel. The right man to take care of a church is the one who takes a loving interest in it.

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BULLETIN, June 13, 1914

CHILDREN'S DAY tomorrow. The School and Church will unite in a special service at 10.30. There will be special exectises by the children and an address by DR. Taft.

AN EXCURSION to Long Beach next Saturday. The School and congregation will join in it. Let us make it our annual outing. The special rate for round-trip ticket is 70 cents; 35 cents for children. The train leaves Forest Hills at 9.46. If you are going, speak to Mr. Kaighn or the Fastor, so that we may know how many to provide accommodations for.

THE CAMP FIRE GIRLS will give a sketch entitled "Our Aunt from California" Friday evening, the 19th, at 8 o'creck in the Chapel. There will be also Camp-fire songs. Admission 25 cents. Come and help our girls along.

ON THE LAWNS of Mrs. Taft, Mrs. Holch and Mrs. Kent and under the auspices of the Women's Guild a strawberry festival will be held on Tuesday evening, the 16th, to which all are invited. There will be a mucical programme. Of course, you pay for the ice-cream and strawberries.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD held a delightful business and social meeting at the home of Mrs. Bevier and Mrs. Cole Friday afternoon. It was suggested that a prayer circle be formed to remember Mr. and Mrs. Eddy and Miss Taft. Those who wish to be in the circle are to give their names to Mrs. Plint. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Norman Baker, September 11th.

AT RUGBY last Sunday night Mr. Kaighn gave a very interesting lecture, illustrated, on the industrial work of the Y.M.C.A. Mrs. Kaighn sang. Dr. Kent is glad to have the Church in the Gardens help the Church at Aughy in such ways as this.

THE ADDRESS BY MISS TAFT last Sunday morning to the School was very good. She made us almost wish that we could talk Chinese.

*THE BUILDEEN will not be issued regularly during the Summer. A poster will be tacked to the board on the corner of Asca. Arenue and Greenway North, instead.

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BULLETIN, October 17, 1914

WE HIGHLY APPREDIATE the willingness of our friends specially gifted in music to sing and play at the services in church. Mrs. Chas. Clifford Miller, who played a selection on the violin for the offertory last Sunday is always gladly welcomed; and tomorrow we are to have a vocal solo from Miss Martin, niece of Mr. and Mrs. T. Commerford Martin. Miss Martin is soon to return to her home in England

PRAYER MEETING on Wednesday night in the Chapel at 8 o'clock. It is well to make this the people's meeting. It is the purpose of the Pastor to have different ones lead. When called away by special parish duties he knows that the meeting will not suffer because of his absence.

AN APPEAL. The Women's Guild has undertaken to supply the Winter wardrobe for a young girl in Oregon City, Oregon, whose father is a home-missionary on a very small salary and whose mother has just undergone a severe and expensive operation. The girl will have to leave high school unless her clothing can be provided from other sources. If you have any clothing, still IN GOOD CONDITION, which you can spare, kindly send it to Mrs. Howard Duff, 54 Wendover Road. The Guild will send it promptly to Miss Irene Voght. Her dimensions are: height 5ft. 8in, bust 38, waist 25, collar 13, shoe 4. She is 16 years old. The Guild will be glad to receive any clothing of any description, if it is still of some use, and send it where there is real need.

THE AUDUBON SOCIETY has arranged a rare treat in the form of an illustrated lecture by Mr. John B. Burnham, President of American Game Protective Association; subject, "The National Movement for Wild Life Conservation". There will be a fine musical program by Mr George Dostal, The Bohemian Tenor, By permission of R.E. Johnston, Manager; Mrs. Charles Clifford Miller, Viclinist; Miss Ethel Adelaide Howe, Pianist. It will be in the Chapel, Monday the 26th.

NOTABLE PROGRESS on the new church has been made this week. Look in the BULLETIN next week for notice of the laying of the corner-stone.

THE FIRST CHILD baptized in the chapel was the grandson of the Pastor; the first to be baptized in the new church is to be the daughter of his neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Holch.

HOSTS OF FRIENDS wish Mr. and Mrs. Brion a long, happy married life. Their wedding at The Inn last Wednesday night was a very beautiful one. Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Demarest.

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BULLETIN, October 23, 1914

THE MALE QUARTETTE is expected at the service on

Sunday morning.

THE BULLETIN is issued a day earlier than usual this week to include the notice of the installation of Dr. William P. Swartz as pastor of the Church of Forest Hills, Seminole Avenue and Gown Street, Friday evening, the 23rd, at 8 o'clock. Our people are invited, and our pastor is to take part in the service.

THE CORNER-STONE is to be laid on Sunday, Nov. 1st, as the concluding part of the morning service, according to the present plans of the committee. A full notice will be given in next week's BULLETIN. The corner-stone will contain a list of the members of the Church, 88 at present, and the names of any who intend to unite with the Church will be included, if they will speak to the paster. There will be also a list of the Sunday-school, written so far as possible in the scholars' own handwriting, and including the members of the Cradle Roll. Mr. Kaighn will tell about it on Sunday.

of its members, a copy of its constitution, and a copy of the prospectus for the current year, to be placed in the stone. Cannot a general and personal invitation be given to every woman and girl in the congregation to join the League this wek? The dues are \$1.50 a year and those joining now will not have to pay again, but their dues will cover 1915. The League is having fine meetings. Mrs. Rice is President; Mrs. Rea, Secretary, will be glad to give you a program.

THE FLOWER COMMITTEE wishes to offer to any member or friend of the Church the opportunity of supplying the pulpit flowers for a Sunday, either as a memorial for a loved one, or for any other reason. The flowers are sent after service to the sick or any permanently shut-in; so your gift will serve a double purpose.

DON'T FORGET the lecture and musicale of the Audubon Society, on Monday night at 8.15. It will be a rare treat. The lecture will be illustrated and the topic will be, "The National Movement for Wild Life Conservation".

PRAYER MEETING on Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock. The Church Committee will meet afterwards.

THE INSTALLATION of Rev. Mr. Wagner in the Church at Richmond Hill will take place on Tuesday evening. Our Pastor will give the charge to the people.

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BULLETIN, November 7th, 1914

THE LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE of the new church to-morrow afternoon, at three o'clock, is an event of community interest. For the beautiful gift of Mrs. Sage has been made on the condition that the Church in the Gardens keep its doors wide open as now to all who wish to unite in worship, fellowship and service. A cordial invita tion is therefore extended to all the people in the Gardens, and to our friends in adjacent communities, to join in the service to-morrow. Most of the exercises will be held in the chapel, as promptly as possible at three o'clock. Drs. Rice and Burton of our own community are expected to take part, Dr. Boynton of Brooklyn and The Rev. Mr. Scott of Kew Gardens. The Sunday-school will be represented by Mr. Kaighn in its part in the service. Mrs. Scammell will have the direction of the choir and Mrs. Anna Park Angel, Cornetist, will also contribute to the service of praise.

THE BEST WAY to voice our appreciation of the beautiful gift is to comply gladly and promptly and all together with the very moderate and reasonable requirement that we purchase the land on which the building is being erected. There will be a property fund so called to distinguish it from the fund for current expenses. Out of the property fund the trustees will meet obligations incurred in getting land and and other property. We ask all the people to do their share in a glad and generous spirit. To do so should be an object of community pride.

A LIST OF OVER ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS will be among the articles placed in the box within the corner-stone. It will include some who have expressed their purpose to join with us at the next communion.

THE MEN'S CLUB will give a reception to the men who have come recently into Forest Hills Gardens, on Friday night, the 13th at the home of Mr. Mays, 175 Slocum Crescent, near Continental Avenue.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD will hold its monthly meeting on Friday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Rountree, 176 Slocum Crescent. Mrs. N.B.Baker will be assisting hostess. Mr. Frank Clayton Myers will speak of "The Child at Work".

THE MEETING FOR PRAYER on Wednesday evening in the chapel, at 8 o'clock.

MISSIONARY OFFERING to-morrow morning for the American Missionary Association.

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BULLETIN, November 14, 1914

MRS. RUSSELL SAGE has written the following letter to the Pastor. It is given to the people in the BUBLETIN because it expresses so clearly and beautifully a sentiment that is growing among Christian people and makes so plain what her own wish is in regard to the church.

Dear Dr. Kent:-

I wish I could be personally present when the corner stone of the Church in the Gardens is laid. I hope its doors will always be open to everyone who loves the Lord Jesus Christ and wishes to do His will. Denominational lines mean nothing to me. Faith in our Lord and the motive of His life of service to all mankind is all we need to unite us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Russell Sage

EVERYBODY SEEMED PLEASED with the services in connection with the laying of the corner stone. When Dr. Burton said that the true function of the church is to relate men to God he said what we all felt is absolutely true. Dr. Boynton is always effervescent and welcome. The choir did well; Mrs. Angel's cornet was a great help. And how glad we all were to have such a pleasant day and such a splendid c congregation. About 70 came from the Lewis Avenue Church. Other distinguished clergymen were present, but time did not permit us to hear from them.

THE PROPERTY FUND was well presented by Dr. Rice. It received a good start. The basket collection was \$\pi37.52\$; pledges for the coming year \$\pi370\$; pledges beyond the coming year \$\pi620\$. We ask that serious thought be given to the letter since sent out and that the people generally contribute toward the Property Fund. The church will add beauty and be a blessing to the whole community and we therefore ask all to contribute.

A SOCIABLE has been planned for this coming Friday night in the chapel, at 8 o'clock. It will be a good opportunity for the new comers to get acquainted. Come; we want you.

A HOME MISSIONS INSTITUTE will be held in Tompkins Avenue Church Tuesday and Wednesday. For the full program see the poster in the vestibule of the chapel. Can not some of our people plan to go?

IN PLYMOUTH CHURCH, Dr. Hillis, pastor, the New York Gity Association of Congregational Churches will meet Thursday afternoon and evening.

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Pastor's Residence 6 Seasongood Road

BULLETIN, MAY 9, 1915

MOTHERS' DAY. The white carnation or some other white flower is the emblem of the day. An appropriate sermon will be preached. Let all who cherish a grateful remembrance of a good mother, and all who appreciate what a noble influence in the world is motherlove, come and join in giving thanks to the Heavenly Father. Service at 11.

ABOUT FORTY CHILDREN attended the party for the Cradle Roll members given by the Primary Department of the Sunday-school on Friday afternoon. The mothers and a few grandmothers were there, too. Several diplomas were given to those who pass from the Cradle Roll to the Primary Department. The exercises consisted of a brief address by Mrs. Rea, in charge of the Primary Department, a few words from Miss Barden, who has the Cradle Roll under her care, singing by the children, presentation of diplomas by the Paster, the handing in of the mite-boxes, and then refreshments. Miss Helen Smith sang a very sweet lullaby. The contents of the mite-boxes amounted to nearly ten dollars. It will go to the Agnes Louise and Foochow Kindergartens.

THE MID-WEEK MEETING was excellent. This coming Wednesday night what James has to say about the control of the tongue, chapter 3:1-12, will be read and commented on. There isn't anything more practical in the Bible.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD will meet on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Leonard, on Ascan Avenue and Russell Place. Mrs. Kent will assist as hostess. Mrs. Allen will speak on "At Temples and Shrines", and Mrs. Rea will read a paper prepared-by Mrs. Taft on "Children as World Citizens".

THE New York City Association of Congregational Churches will meet Thursday afternoon and evening with the Church in Woodhaven. Mr. Flint will be our delegate.

THE TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday night in the Chapel at 8.

DR. RICE is Secretary of the Ministerial Relief Board. Ministers, old, worn out and dependent, in some cases their widows, are cared for by this Board. We will make an offering for it at the Sunday morning service. Give willingly and generously.

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My lear Friends:-

This is to remind you that on the coming Sunday morning we are to gather at the table of our Lord and Master and partake of the bread and the cup in remembrance of His great love for us. The truths and facts which this simple, beautiful memorial keeps ever before us are at the heart of our religion and at the foundation of the Christian church. At the same time there is no service that so brings home to us the intimate relation of each of us to Him. It behooves us, therefore, to make much of the communion service, by our faithful attendance and by the grateful, trustful, devoutly joyous spirit in which we come. We are to have the pleasure of welcoming new members into our fellowship.

I am hoping that you will receive this pastoral letter in time to be reminded also of the meeting of the Church on Thursday night of this week at 8 o'clock; a very important meeting to adopt a oudget for the coming year and to consider other matters of interest.

The pastor and people of the Lewis Avenue Church in Brooklyn have expressed an earnest desire to see and hear their pastor emeritus more frequently in his former pulpit. So I have arranged an exchange of pulpits with my successor, the Reverend Frank I. Hanscom, for the morning service Sunday after next, the 12th. I know that I shall have a very hearty greeting from my friends in Brooklyn, and I know that I can trust you to give a cordial reception to Mr. Hanscom.

Your friend and pastor,

December 1st, 1915

Robert J. Kent

May I ask that this letter be read by each member of the family who is a member of the Church.