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Mr. Dudley Fosdick
Agni Yoga Society
319 West 107th Street
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Dear Mr. Fosdick:

On the submission of the Articles of Incorporation of Roerich Foundation to the appropriate authorities in the State of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Public Instruction informed us that in their view the purposes as stated would subject the Foundation to the jurisdiction of that body. We believe this was an extreme application of the Michigan Statute since unlike the New York Statute the Michigan educational authorities are given jurisdiction over educational institutions only in the narrow sense, i.e. schools with faculties and formal curricula.

However, the changes requested to remove the Roerich Foundation, Inc. from the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Public Instruction were relatively minor and are indicated on the enclosed draft of the Articles of Incorporation. These changes will not be restrictive and will permit the Roerich Foundation to conduct its activities as originally contemplated. Therefore, we suggest that you permit us to insert new pages 2 and 3 in the signed Articles of Incorporation and file the Articles as so revised with the proper Michigan authorities.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) L. F. KOERBER, JR.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ROERICH FOUNDATION, INC.

These Articles of Incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the incorporators for the purpose of forming a foundation and not-for-profit corporation under the provisions of Act No. 327 of the Public Acts of 1931, known as the Michigan General Corporation Act, as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is Roerich Foundation, Inc.

ARTICLE II

The purposes of this corporation are as follows:

To advance the cause of peace through culture;

To promote world-wide adoption of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace, designed to guarantee the protection and preservation of the cultural treasures of mankind, of historic monuments, of educational, artistic and scientific institutions, and of artistic and scientific missions, and of the personnel, property, and collections of such institutions and missions;

To catalog the cultural treasures of the world;

To secure the cooperation of all individuals, without distinction of race, creed or class, and educational, scientific, and religious institutions, institutions of art and other bodies formed to advance culture and peace, in the work of this organization;

To organize branches and committees in various cities and countries and to support and ~~conduct~~ educational activities in all parts of the world; and to disseminate knowledge and information concerning the activities of this organization and its aims;

To hold lectures, conferences, congresses, seminars and classes, and to hold exhibitions of paintings and other art objects in the United States and abroad, and to promote the exchange of scholars, students and lecturers, on subjects related to culture and peace;

To maintain a museum of paintings by Professor Nicholas Roerich, open free to the public, and to hold lectures on the art and writings and philosophy of Professor Roerich, and to send out lecturers to promulgate the idea of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace; and to introduce special courses on the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace in cultural and educational institutions and to send out to museums, galleries, libraries, etc. original paintings and reproductions, charging a minimum fee to cover expenses;

To encourage research work among scholars on the subjects of protection and preservation of the works of culture, in all countries;

To publish in English and other languages special literature, such as Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace books, brochures, folders, etc.; the results of cultural research programs; writings by Professor Roerich, bibliography about his works, monographs and other publications devoted to peace, culture and art;

To sell and/or distribute these publications;

To organize public events, concerts, dramatic presentations, and various art programs;

To announce and give special peace awards to outstanding leaders in peace work, and grant scholarships to students of merit in art and research in peace studies;

In the furtherance of these ends to take, receive and acquire by bequest, devise, gifts, purchase, lease or otherwise either absolutely or in trust, for any of its purposes, and to hold anywhere any property, real, personal or mixed (and/or money) without limitations as to amount or value, except such limitations, if any, as shall be imposed by the laws of the State of Michigan; to convey such property, and to invest and reinvest any principal, and deal with and expend the principal and income of the corporation in such manner as in the judgment of its directors will best promote its aforesaid objects.

This foundation corporation is not established, and shall not be maintained, conducted or used, for pecuniary profit, but is organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, ^{and/or} cultural ~~and/or educational~~ ✓ purposes. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private member or other individual, and the corporation shall not engage in propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation. Except as otherwise required by law, on dissolution the assets of this corporation shall be transferred or conveyed by the trustees to one or more corporations, societies or organizations fitted, qualified and able best to promote and perpetuate the purposes for which this corporation was originally organized.

ARTICLE III

The location of the registered office is the Village of Spring Lake, Ottawa County, Michigan, and the post office

address at the registered office is Spring Lake, Michigan.

ARTICLE IV

The corporation is organized on a membership basis.

The amount of assets which said corporation possesses is:

Real property none;

Personal property \$1,000.

Said corporation is to be financed under the following general plan:

(a) Gifts, bequests and devises, or income therefrom.

(b) Dues from members of the foundation as established by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE V

The incorporating members of the foundation are as follows:

Names	Residence Addresses
BALTZAR BOLLING	Spring Lake, Michigan
DUDLEY FOSDICK	
SINA FOSDICK	
D. H. FOGEL	
JOSEPH J. WEED	

ARTICLE VI

The names and addresses of the first Board of Trustees are as follows:

Names	Addresses
BALTZAR BOLLING	Spring Lake, Michigan

Name

Addresses

_____	_____
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ARTICLE VII

The term of existence of this proposed foundation is fixed in perpetuity from the date of these articles.

ARTICLE VIII

Members shall be admitted to the corporation on an annual or lifetime basis on submission of application to the Board of Trustees and the payment of such dues as may be from time to time specified in the By-Laws. The Board of Trustees may reject any application for membership.

The Board of Trustees shall adopt at its initial meeting a set of By-Laws for the corporation, fixing the number of trustees and other regulations for the governing of the corporation, which may be amended, rescinded or otherwise changed by a majority vote of the trustees.

In Witness Whereof, the incorporating members have signed these Articles of Incorporation this _____ day of February, A.D. 1950.

State of Michigan)
) SS
County of _____)

On this _____ day of February, A.D. 1950, before me, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared Baltzar Bolling of Spring Lake, Michigan, to me known to be one of the persons named in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that he executed the same freely and for the intents and purposes therein mentioned.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____