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- 2 In the Matter of the Estate of Mabel E. Sutter
- 3 King County Superior Court No. 194692
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Grantor(s) (Last name first, then first name and initials)

- 1 Pitts, Phyliss Sutter, Co-Executrix/Co-Trustee; Beneficiary
- 2 Charles, Stuart Dean, Co-Executor/Co-Trustee; Beneficiary
- 3 The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts
- 4 Beneficiary

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- 1 Mabel E. Sutter Family Trust
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Lots 7 and 8, Block 28, supplemental plat of G. Kinnear  
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE )  
 ) NO. 194692  
 OF )  
 ) NONJUDICIAL DISPUTE  
 MABEL E. SUTTER, )  
 ) RESOLUTION AGREEMENT  
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 ) (RCW 11.96A.210-230)  
 Deceased. )

Agreement

Agreement entered into as of the 21st day of June, 2001, by the trustees and beneficiaries of the Family Trust under the Will of Mabel E. Sutter and the personal representatives of the Estate of Mabel E. Sutter, Deceased.

Recitals

A. Parties. The parties to this agreement are all persons interested in the estate and testamentary trust of Mabel E. Sutter, Deceased, namely:

1. Personal Representatives: Phyllis Sutter Pitts and Stuart Dean Charles
2. Co-Trustees: Phyllis Sutter Pitts and Stuart Dean Charles
3. Beneficiaries: Phyllis Sutter Pitts, Stuart Dean Charles, and The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts.

B. Authority. This Nonjudicial Agreement is entered into pursuant to RCW 11.96A.210 and RCW 11.96.220.

C. Jurisdiction. Mabel E. Sutter died on April 10, 1968. She was a resident of Seattle, King County, Washington and left property subject to probate in King County. Her estate was probated under King County Probate No. 194692, but due to disputes and complications which had arisen since the commencement of the probate proceeding, the estate administration has not yet been completed. Accordingly, the King County Superior Court has jurisdiction over these matters and their resolution.

D. Terms of Will. In her Will, and a subsequent Codicil

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thereto, Mabel E. Sutter left all of her household furniture, furnishings, appliances, personal effects and belongings to her daughter, Phyllis Sutter Pitts and all cash remaining on hand, after the payment of debts and expenses, she left to her daughter and her grandson, Stuart Dean Charles, in equal shares. In addition, Mrs. Sutter established in her Will, as modified by her Codicil thereto, a Family Trust to which she left all of the rest, residue, and remainder of her estate for the primary benefit of her daughter and her grandson during their respective lifetimes, and thereafter to her church, Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist, Seattle, Washington, but which was dissolved on June 17, 1998. The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts has become its successor in interest.

**D.1. Co-Trustees.** Phyllis Sutter Pitts, Stuart Dean Charles, and Seattle-First National Bank were designated and named as Co-Trustees of the Family Trust. However, Seattle-First National Bank declined to serve as such Co-Trustee. Formal declination was never filed in behalf of the bank in the estate proceeding, but Bank of America, as Successor in Interest to Seattle-First National Bank, has currently agreed to execute and file a declination to serve as the corporate Co-Trustee of the Sutter Family Trust.

**D.2. Successor Trustee.** The Trust makes no provision for a successor corporate trustee. Since under the terms of the trust the income properties of the trust are to be supervised and managed exclusively by the income beneficiaries as Co-Trustees during their respective lifetimes, following which on the death of the surviving personal income beneficiary, the charitable remainder interest of The First Church of Christ, Scientist becomes the resultant beneficial interest of the trust, it is now necessary to make provision in this agreement for the procedure of the naming of a successor trustee to administer the trust at that time.

**D.3. Estate/Family Trust Assets.** The assets of the estate which were to fund the trust consisted of two parcels of real estate located in Seattle, Washington and which are producing rental income. However, neither parcel was distributed or transferred to the trust from the estate. Under the terms of the trust the "corporate" co-trustee was not to participate in the management and supervision of those income producing properties, but they were to be managed and supervised exclusively by Mrs. Sutter's daughter and grandson. In the intervening years since the death of Mabel E. Sutter, the properties have been managed and supervised by them in their capacity as Co-Executors of the estate and should now be transferred and conveyed to them in their capacity as co-trustees to administer the Family Trust.

As part of the trust management and administration by the co-trustees, Phyllis Sutter Pitts and Stuart Dean Charles, and

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the fact that no corporate trustee will be involved therein, a further matter needs to be resolved, as it is noted that Article III, B.1 of the Last Will and Testament of Mabel E. Sutter, entitled Family Trust, Trustees and Trust Management provided, in part,

"...that in the case of any transaction involving the sale or liquidation of any of the trust assets, the corporate trustee shall participate in the deliberations and decisions and if said transactions involve the expenditure of any portion or all of the principal of the trust, the decision of the corporate trustee shall be binding upon the other trustees."

**D.4. Principal Distributions of Trust.** The Sutter Family Trust provides that the primary beneficiaries of the trust, Phyllis Sutter Pitts and Stuart Dean Charles shall be entitled to secure funds from the principal of the trust to meet certain emergency needs as defined in the trust, but which expenditure of principal should be determined solely by the named corporate trustee. However, the corporate trustee has declined to serve. The primary beneficiaries have no need or desire for principal distributions.

**D.5. Final Distribution of Trust.** Article III A.3 of the Last Will and Testament of Mabel E. Sutter, as further amended by a Codicil to the will, provided that after the death of the surviving primary beneficiary of the trust, the net income of the trust would be paid to The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts for a period of twenty-one years at the conclusion of which the trust would terminate and the remaining trust assets and funds were to be transferred and delivered to the church after any and all remaining expenses, debts, fees, taxes, and any other charges had been paid. Such a prolonged period of time to continue to administer the trust for the sole purpose of only distributing net income to a charitable entity would appear to entail the incurring of unnecessary administrative fees and expenses to the trust and thereby reduce the amount of net income available for distribution.

The parties also note that had the trust been executed or taken effect after 1969, it would have been subject to the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1969 and thereunder the twenty-one year provision would have invalidated the charitable nature of the trust, as a nonindividual (the church) could not be a sole income recipient of a charitable remainder trust, thus defeating the charitable intent of the decedent. Such prohibition is also current law governing such trusts and expressive of public policy.

Purposes of Agreement

The purposes of this agreement are: (1) To facilitate the

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1 final administration, distribution, and closing of the Estate  
2 of Mabel E. Sutter, Deceased; (2) to provide for amendments to  
3 provisions in the Mabel E. Sutter Family/Testamentary Trust  
4 relating to the role of a designated corporate trustee, based  
5 upon a construction of the intent of the decedent, Mabel E.  
6 Sutter, in light of the declination of such corporate trustee  
7 to serve as such trustee; and (3) to amend the said trust under  
8 RCW 11.96A.030 in order to comply with statutes and regulations  
9 of the United States Internal Revenue Service to achieve  
10 qualification of a Charitable Remainder Trust to the extent  
11 permitted by federal law for tax benefits.

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13 NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits to  
14 be derived, the parties agree as follows:

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16 **A. Successor Trustee.** The First Church of Christ,  
17 Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts, as the charitable remainder  
18 beneficiary of the Mabel E. Sutter Family Trust, shall select,  
19 name and appoint a Successor Trustee to the last to serve of  
20 Phyllis Sutter Pitts, Trustee, or Stuart Dean Charles, Trustee,  
21 in the event of her or his death, resignation or inability to  
22 serve as Trustee of the Mabel E. Sutter Family Trust.  
23 Accordingly, the church shall be promptly notified of such  
24 event causing the need for the services of a Successor Trustee.

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26 **B. No Principal Distributions of Trust.** The primary  
27 beneficiaries of the Mabel E. Sutter Family Trust, Phyllis  
28 Sutter Pitts and Stuart Dean Charles state and agree that they  
have never taken any principal distribution from either the  
estate or trust assets designated to fund the trust, or any  
principal of the trust, that they do not intend to do so, and,  
further that they specifically waive and disclaim any further  
ability to do so, either for themselves, or their heirs,  
estates, creditors or assigns.

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2 **C. Notice of Sale or Liquidation of Trust Asset.** Because  
3 a sale or liquidation of an asset of the Mabel E. Sutter Family  
4 Trust, including any trust real estate, would directly affect  
5 the remainder interest of The First Church of Christ, Scientist  
6 in Boston, Massachusetts, the Co-Trustees, or Trustee of the  
7 trust, as the case may be, shall, prior to any such sale or  
8 liquidation, notify and consult with the church regarding such  
9 anticipated sale or liquidation so that any possible tax  
10 benefits due to the charitable nature of the remainder interest  
11 could be secured and not inadvertently overlooked.

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13 **D. Final Distribution of Trust.** To avoid unnecessary  
14 continuing expenses of administration of the trust following the  
15 death of the surviving primary beneficiary of the trust to the  
16 detriment of the beneficial charitable interest of the church,  
17 and, further, since it may well occur that on the event of the  
18 death of the last primary beneficiary of the trust, a  
19 coincidence of the legal title, the right to income of the  
20 trust, and the remainder interest in the principal of the trust  
21 may have vested in the church so as to constitute a merger of





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**NONJUDICIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION  
AGREEMENT**

**Schedule A**

The two parcels of real estate referred to in Recitals, D.3 Estate/Family Trust Assets and Purposes of Agreement, C. Notice of Sale or Liquidation of Trust Asset are more fully described as follows:

The North 30 feet of Lot 3, Block 87, D. T. Denny's Park Addition to North Seattle, according to plat recorded in Volume 2 of Plats at page 46, Records of King County, Washington; (Tax Account #199120-1355-04) and

Lots 7 and 8, Block 28, supplemental plat of G. Kinnear Addition to the City of Seattle according to plat recorded in Volume 2 of Plats at page 62, Records of King County, Washington; except that portion of Lots 7 and 8 condemned for street. (Tax Account #387990-1980-05)

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