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Rev & Beloved

This certifies that the following persons of people of colour are members of the second Church in Portland and in regular and good standing,

Viz Elizabeth Pear, Margret Driver
 Rueben Ruby Dorcas Skilling Lucy Richardson
 William Hammet Charlotte Hammet Lane
 Phillips Phebe Marten Mary Clark Eunice Ball
 Margret Samuel Mary Mur Johnson Abraham
 W Niles Harriet C Niles Rebeca Johnson Louisa Stevenson
 Janet C P Barnard (Peck) Sarah J Shepherd (Bradley) James F
 Murry Victory Elira Dickson, Bradley

The persons above named having applied to the second Church for a recommendation and dismission with reference to their being organized into a Distinct Church in case an Ecclesiastical Council called for this purpose composed of Orthodox Congregational Churches should upon a due consideration of the subject regard it as desirable and expedient this is to organize them

Whereupon it was voted that these persos be recommended as in regular and good standing with this Church and in case the Council called for the purpose of organizing then into a distinct Church should proceed so to do, this will be their dismission from their particular relation to us.

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