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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**Subject: Articles of Incorporation for: Braden River Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc.**

**To: Division of Corporations:**

Enclosed is an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for a Florida corporation:  
Braden River Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc.

Also, enclosed is a check for \$ 78.75 as payment for the filing fee and Certificate.

Please return the certificate to: Sanford M. Martin, PA, 2500 Airport Rd. Suite 315, Naples, Florida 34112-4882.

If you have any questions relating to this letter or the Articles of Incorporation, please contact me at (941) 774-4000.

Sincerely,

*Sanford M. Martin*  
Sanford M. Martin

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Katherine Harris  
Secretary of State

July 20, 2000

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SUBJECT: BRADEN RIVER CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES,  
BRADENTON, FLORIDA, INC.  
Ref. Number: W00000018127

We have received your document for BRADEN RIVER CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, BRADENTON, FLORIDA, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$79.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

The name of the entity must be identical throughout the document.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6928.

Tim Burch  
Document Specialist

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**Braden River Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc.**  
2109 57<sup>th</sup> Street East  
Bradenton, FL 34208  
941-746-2372

**Mailing Address:**  
4611 31<sup>st</sup> ST. CT. E.  
Bradenton, FL34203

31 July, 2000

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:

Braden River Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc.

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

Street Address:  
2804 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue East  
Bradenton, FL 34208

Mailing Address:  
4611 31<sup>st</sup> ST. CT. E.  
Bradenton, FL34203

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The purpose in forming this corporation is to acquire and hold title to real estate as a meeting place and place of worship for the Braden River Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. The Corporation also reserves the right to accept gifts and bequests of personal and real property and to mortgage its property.

The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes, and no part of the net earnings or assets of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of a director, officer, or member of the Corporation or any private individual. No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall this Corporation participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office. This Corporation is organized exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States tax code) or (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States tax code).

Upon the winding up and dissolution of this Corporation, after paying or adequately providing for debts and obligations of the Corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. No assets will be deemed to be received by Watchtower Bible and Tract

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Society of New York, Inc., until such acceptance is evidenced in writing. If Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., is not then in existence and exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States tax code), then said assets shall be distributed to any organization designated by the ecclesiastical Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses that is organized and operated for religious purposes and is a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding section of any future United States tax code).

**ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed: In accordance with Corporation Bylaws; Directors, (here "officers") are appointed for indefinite terms. Officers are appointed by a resolution read/made to the entire congregation, second and approved by voting by the congregation. Each Congregation member has one vote.

**ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS/OFFICES**

The name and addresses:

Emanuel Hedgeman  
3036 46th Avenue East  
Bradenton, FL 34203

Harold E. Lowe  
3004 42nd Street East  
Bradenton, FL 34208

Richard D. Ritter  
913 48<sup>th</sup> Street Circle East  
Bradenton, FL 34208

Luis E. Sandoval  
4611 31st Street Court East  
Bradenton, FL 34203

**ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Luis E. Sandoval  
4611 31st Street Court East  
Bradenton, FL 34203

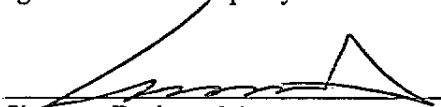
**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

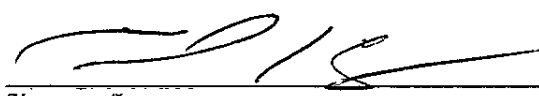
Emanuel Hedgeman  
3036 46th Avenue East  
Bradenton, FL 34203

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Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

  
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Signature/Registered Agent

7-7-2000  
Date

  
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Signature/Incorporator

7/7/2000  
Date