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SUBJECT: Center for Religious Tolerance  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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FROM: Andrea Blanch  
Name (Printed or typed)

520 Ralph Street  
Address

Sarasota, FL 34242  
City, State & Zip

941-312-9795  
Daytime Telephone number

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF**

**Center for Religious Tolerance, Inc.**

A Florida Non-Profit Corporation

These articles of incorporation are signed by the incorporators for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under the provisions of Florida Statutes, Chapter 617, as follows:

**ARTICLE I. - NAME**

The name of this corporation is Center for Religious Tolerance, Inc. The principal office and the mailing address of the corporation is 520 Ralph Street, Sarasota, FL 34242.

**ARTICLE II. - PURPOSE**

The corporation is organized for the purpose of promoting dialogue and harmony among the world's religions. The corporation shall be operated exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Conducting its affairs, carrying on its operations, and having offices and exercising the powers granted by the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act in any state or in any foreign country;
- (b) Administering for charitable purposes property donated to the corporation;
- (c) Distributing property for such purposes in accordance with the terms of gifts, bequests or devises to the corporation not inconsistent with its purposes, as set forth in these articles of incorporation, or in accordance with the determination made by the board of directors pursuant to these articles of incorporation;"
- (d) Receiving gifts and bequests and to use the principal and income generated from the investment of the gifts and bequests for the benefit of the corporation, or such other charitable, religious or educational organizations that are described in §501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and exempt from taxation"under §501(a);
- (e) Reserving the power to modify any restriction or condition on the distribution of funds for any specified charitable purposes or to specified organizations if in the sole judgment of the board of directors (without the necessity of the approval of any trustee, custodian or agent), such restriction or condition becomes, in effect, unnecessary, incapable of fulfillment, or inconsistent with the charitable need; and
- (f) Engaging in any and all lawful activities necessary or desirable for the accomplishment of any of the above described powers.

**ARTICLE III. - MEMBERSHIP**

The corporation shall have no members.

**ARTICLE IV. - TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

**ARTICLE V. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of no less than three directors. The board of directors shall have the requisite power and authority, which is customarily vested in corporate directors, over the business and affairs of the corporation. The board of directors shall be elected or appointed as provided in the bylaws. The initial directors of this corporation shall be:

- ANDREA BLANCH, President. 520 Ralph Street, Sarasota, FL 34242
- DAVID LESS, Vice President 5011 Windward, Sarasota, FL 34242
- HOWARD NELSON, Secretary/Treasurer 317 Nelson Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

**ARTICLE VI.**

**REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The registered office of this corporation shall be: 2381 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL 34237. The registered agent shall be: MICHAEL R. PENDER, JR., CPA.

**ARTICLE VII. - COMPENSATION AND ACTIVITIES**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its directors or officers, or any individual, but the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof. The corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to such extent as would result in the loss of the exemption under Section 501(c) (3) of the Code. The corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles of incorporation, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

- (a) by a corporation exempt from taxation under the Code; or
- (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) of the Code.

**ARTICLE VIII. - INDEMNIFICATION**

The corporation shall indemnify any director or officer, or any former director or officer, to the full extent permitted by law.

**ARTICLE IX. - INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the incorporator are as follows:

ANDREA BLANCH      520 Ralph Street, Sarasota, FL 34242

**ARTICLE X - OFFICERS**

The board of directors shall be governed by a president, vice president, secretary/treasurer and any other officers which may be established by the bylaws of the corporation. The officers will be elected by the directors at the annual meeting in accordance with the bylaws.

**ARTICLE XI. - BYLAWS**

The bylaws of this corporation shall be made, altered, or rescinded by the board of directors at any regular or special meeting held in accordance with the bylaws.

**ARTICLE XII. - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

These articles of incorporation may be amended from time to time by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present; provided, however, that these articles of incorporation shall not be amended to permit the corporation to engage in any activity prohibited in Article VII.

**ARTICLE XIII. - DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation by distributing those assets exclusively for charitable purposes in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable or scientific purposes as shall, at the time, qualify as exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Code, as the board of directors shall determine. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the circuit court which has general jurisdiction for the county in which the principal office of the corporation shall then be located, exclusively for such charitable purposes or such charitable organization or organizations described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Code as the court shall select.

**ARTICLE XIV. - DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of these articles, "charitable purposes" include educational, religious, scientific, public and other purposes, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) of the Code. Any reference in these articles to a section of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be deemed to include the corresponding provision or provisions of any applicable future Internal Revenue Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporator has signed these articles of incorporation on September 7, 2006.

Andrea Blanch 9/7/06

Michael R. Pender, Jr. 9/7/06

ANDREA BLANCH      Incorporator

MICHAEL R. PENDER, JR. Registered Agent

I HEREBY AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF REGISTERED AGENT.