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RE:

MIDTOWN CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, ST PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, INC

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Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for Midtown Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, St. Petersburg, Florida, a Not For Profit Corporation.

Also enclosed is my check made payable to your office in the sum of \$70.00 representing the filing fee herein.

Please file the original Articles indicating upon the copy the date of such filing. Please return said copy of the Articles along with your receipt for the enclosed filing fee.

Very truly yours,

GUILLERMO A. RUIZ. P.A

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Enclosures

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF MIDTOWN CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, INC.

(A Florida Non-Profit Corporation)

Executed by the undersigned for the purpose of forming a not for profit corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act:

ARTICLE I

The name of this Corporation is MIDTOWN CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, ST PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, INC. The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation is 4150 55TH Street North, Apt. 122, St. Petersburg, FL 33709.

ARTICLE II

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are religious and specifically (1) to provide and maintain a proper place of worship for the benefit of Jehovah's Witnesses in and around the State of Florida and those who desire to attend such worship conducted by Jehovah's Witnesses in order to learn the truths of the faith and beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses, which are based upon the Bible, the written word of Almighty God, Jehovah; and (2) to acquire by gift, legacy, bequest, purchase, or lease; hold and manage; and/or mortgage, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of real estate and personal property in any lawful manner that may seem proper and best to provide and maintain such place of worship.

ARTICLE IV

The corporation shall have members. The number of members, members' qualifications and other matters pertaining to members shall be as provided in the bylaws.

<u>ARTICLE V</u>

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 provisions 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).

ARTICLE VI

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 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 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), 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 VII

A. The number of directors shall be three. The names and addresses of the initial directors are:

BILLY C. PERRY

4150 55th Street North, Apt. 1122

St. Petersburg, FL 33709

THOMAS MARTIN, JR.

701 Mirror Lake Dr. No., #107

St. Petersburg, FL 33701

JOE ROBINSON

3130 30th Avenue North St. Petersburg, FL 33713

B. Directors' qualifications, the manner of electing directors, and other matters pertaining to directors shall be as provided in the bylaws.

To the extent permitted by law, no director, officer, or member of the C. Corporation shall be personally liable for any debts, liabilities, or obligations of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VIII

The address of the initial Registered Office of the Corporation and the name of the initial Registered Agent at that address are:

Name:

BILLY C. PERRY

Street Address:

4150 55th Street North, Apt. 1122 St. Petersburg, FL 33709

ARTICLE IX

The name and address of the Incorporator is: BILLY C. PERRY

4150 55th Street North

Apt. 1122

St. Petersburg, FL 33709

BILLY C. PERRY, Incorporator 4150 55th Street North, Apt. 1122

St. Petersburg, FL 33709 Dated: May 23, 2002

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

DATED: May <u>23</u>, 2002.

BILLY C. PERRY, Registered Agent 4150 55th Street North, Apt. 1122

St. Petersburg, FL 33709

Dated: May 23, 2002