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**VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

Florida Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
409 East Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Bloomingdale Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Valrico, Florida, Inc.

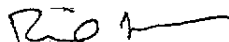
Dear Sir or Madam:

With regard to the above-referenced corporation, enclosed are the Articles of Incorporation, along with an additional copy for certification. Also enclosed is this firm's check number 11925 in the amount of \$ 78.75, in payment of the following fees:

1) Filing Fee for Articles	\$ 35.00
2) Registered Agent Designation	35.00
3) Certified Copy of Articles	<u>8.75</u>
<b>Totaling</b>	<b>\$ 78.75</b>

Should you have any questions, or require further information, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,



Richard F. Wheeler

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Enclosures

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
BLOOMINGDALE CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES,  
VALRICO, FLORIDA, INC.**

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 BLOOMINGDALE CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, VALRICO, FLORIDA, INC. The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation is 3809 John Moore Road, Brandon, Florida 33511-7844.

**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, member's qualifications and other matters pertaining to members shall be as provided in the bylaws.

**ARTICLE V**

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

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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 designed 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 provision 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:

James E. Ellington, Sr.  
1306 Holleman Dr.  
Valrico, FL 33594

Marc Patterson  
542 Amberwood Dr.  
Brandon, FL 33511

Elijah Germany  
4013 Paddlewheel Dr.  
Brandon, FL 33511

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

C. To the extent permitted by law, no director, officer, or member of the 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 are:

James E. Ellington, Sr.  
1306 Holleman Dr.  
Valrico, FL 33594

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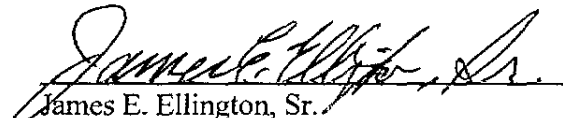
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ARTICLE IX

The name and address of the Incorporator are:



James E. Ellington, Sr.  
1306 Holleman Drive  
Valrico, Florida 33594

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these articles of incorporation on this 11 day of NOVEMBER, 2003.

  
James E. Ellington, Sr.

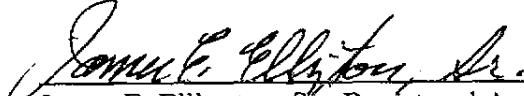
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003, by James E. Ellington, Sr., who is personally known to me or who has presented \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
Linda A. Dunn  
Printed name of Notary  
My Commission Expires: 7/8/07  
 Linda A. Dunn  
My Commission DD229836  
Expires July 08 2007

ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designed 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.

  
James E. Ellington, Sr., Registered Agent

11 Nov. 2003  
Date