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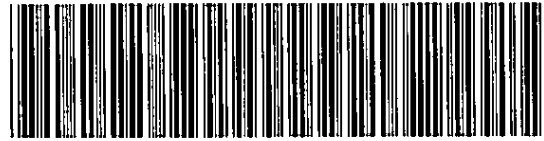
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January 28, 2022

VERONE LAZIO
CENTRAL ENGLISH CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH
848 14TH AVE NORTH
ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33701 US

SUBJECT: CENTRAL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, ST.
PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, INC.
Ref. Number: N95000003007

We have received your document for CENTRAL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$52.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The current name of the entity is as referenced above. Please correct your document accordingly.

Bylaws are not filed with this office. Please retain them for your records.

You may attach the "new" wording for Articles X and XI in paragraph E on the amendment form.

Please return 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) 245-6823.

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P = President; V= Vice President; T= Treasurer; S= Secretary; D= Director; TR= Trustee; C = Chairman or Clerk; CEO = Chief Executive Officer; CFO = Chief Financial Officer. If an officer/director holds more than one title, list the first letter of each office held. President, Treasurer, Director would be PTD.

Changes should be noted in the following manner. Currently John Doe is listed as the PST and Mike Jones is listed as the V. There is a change, Mike Jones leaves the corporation, Sally Smith is named the V and S. These should be noted as John Doe, PT as a Change, Mike Jones, V as Remove, and Sally Smith, SV as an Add.

Example:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change	<u>PT</u>	<u>John Doe</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remove	<u>V</u>	<u>Mike Jones</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add	<u>SV</u>	<u>Sally Smith</u>

<u>Type of Action</u> (Check One)	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
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E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here: (attach additional sheets, if necessary). (Be specific)

1. ARTICLE I has been simplified and dedicated to the NAME; we removed the mention of the address. We are changing this article to say the following:
 - ARTICLE I—NAME
The name of the association is CENTRAL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA (the "Congregation").
2. ARTICLE II previously referred to the purposes of the corporation. This article is now referring to the "EXISTENCE and DURATION and is as follows:
 - ARTICLE II—EXISTENCE AND DURATION

3. ARTICLE III previously defined the membership, it has now been changed to specify the location. We are changing this article to say the following:
 - ARTICLE III—LOCATION
 - i. The location and principal place of worship of the Congregation is 298 31st Street South, ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33712.
4. ARTICLE IV previously defined the term of the corporation. It is now changed to define the "Purposes" as follows:
 - ARTICLE IV—PURPOSES
 - i. A. The purposes of the Congregation are:
 - ii. to worship Almighty God, Jehovah, and to support the rulership of his Son, Jesus Christ;
 - iii. to gather regularly for Bible instruction and mutual encouragement and to be strengthened in our relationship with God and prepared to do his will (Acts 2:42, 46, 47);
 - iv. to learn the truths of the Bible and the faith and beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses, all of which are based upon the Bible;
 - v. to recognize the spiritual authority of the ecclesiastical Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses ("Governing Body");
 - vi. B. In accomplishing its purposes, the Congregation may:
 - vii. where legally-permissible, 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;
 - viii. maintain financial accounts in the name of the Congregation.
5. ARTICLE V previously stated the name and residence of the initial incorporator and it has now been changed to list the "Authorized Representatives" as follows:
 - ARTICLE V—AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES
 - i. The Congregation's authorized representatives shall be the members serving as duly appointed elders and acting as the Coordinator of the Body of Elders, the Secretary, and the Service Overseer, collectively known as the Congregation Service Committee.
 - ii. The Coordinator and the Secretary are authorized to execute all official documents for the Congregation by affixing the name of the Congregation and signing their names as authorized representatives. In the absence of the Coordinator or Secretary, the Service Overseer is authorized to execute all official documents with the other available member of the Service Committee.
6. ARTICLE VI previously defined the Board of Directors. This has now been changed to define the "Members" as follows:
 - ARTICLE VI—MEMBERS
 - i. The members of the Congregation shall be individuals who are fully dedicated to Almighty God, Jehovah, baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses, are completely in harmony with the doctrines and organizational arrangements set forth by the Governing Body, and report ministerial activity to the Congregation. Anyone meeting these requirements who is at least 18 years of age shall be designated a voting member of the Congregation.
 - ii. Any member who moves from the Congregation or is no longer one of Jehovah's Witnesses shall be automatically removed from membership in the Congregation without the need of his resignation.
7. ARTICLE VII previously listed the names of the officers. This is now being used to define the "Meetings" as follows:
 - ARTICLE VII—MEETINGS
 - i. The Congregation shall regularly hold meetings in accordance with the spiritual direction of the Governing Body.
8. ARTICLE VIII previously defined the initial Registered Agent and is now being used to define the "Amendment" as follows:
 - ARTICLE VIII—AMENDMENT

members at any noticed and scheduled meeting of the Congregation.

9. ARTICLE IX was previously used to list the persons constituting the first Board of Directors and is now being used to define, "Personal Liability" as follows:

- ARTICLE IX—PERSONAL LIABILITY

- i. No member of the Congregation shall be personally liable for any of the debts, liabilities, or obligations of the Congregation.

10. ARTICLE X was previously used to define the manner for the Board of Directors to be elected. This is now being used to define the "Property" as follows:

- ARTICLE X—PROPERTY

- i. The property of the Congregation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes, and no part of the net earnings or assets of the Congregation shall inure to the benefit of an elder, trustee, any member of the Congregation, or any private individual. No substantial part of the activities of the Congregation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the Congregation 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. The Congregation is organized exclusively for nonprofit religious purposes within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and is not organized for the private gain of any person. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the Congregation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by an organization 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 an organization, 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.

- ii. In the event a dispute ever arises over who is entitled to own or possess the property of the Congregation, if the Congregation cannot decide the dispute in a manner satisfactory to all of the members, the dispute will be decided by Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, a corporation that serves the interests of Jehovah's Witnesses in the United States, or by any other organization designated by the ecclesiastical Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses. The determination of Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses or of any other designated organization as described herein will be final and binding on all members, including those who may have disagreed or dissented.

11. ARTICLE XI was previously used to define the amendments. This is now being used to define the "Dissolution" as follows:

- ARTICLE XI—DISSOLUTION

- i. Upon dissolution of the Congregation, after paying or adequately providing for debts and obligations of the Congregation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., a corporation organized under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) for religious purposes. No assets will be deemed to be received by Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New

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 an organization 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).

The date of each amendment(s) adoption: N/A, if other than the date this document was signed.

Effective date **if applicable:** December 23rd, 2021
(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)


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Adoption of Amendment(s) (CHECK ONE)

The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment(s) **135** was/were sufficient for approval.

There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment(s). The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the board of directors.

Dated December 23rd, 2021

Signature 
(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer-if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator – if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

Verone Lazio

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

Secretary

(Title of person signing)