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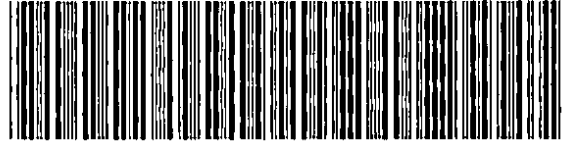
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**SUBJECT:** CENTRAL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, INC.  
CORPORATE NAME

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the restated articles of incorporation and a check for:

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
CENTRAL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES,  
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, INC. ("the Corporation")  
(Document Number N95000003007)**

In compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (Corporations Not for Profit), the articles of incorporation of **CENTRAL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, INC.** (formerly known as the Central St. Petersburg Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc.), a Florida Not for Profit Corporation, are hereby Amended and Restated in their entirety:

**ARTICLE I**

The name of this Corporation is **CENTRAL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, INC.** The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation is 298 31st Street S, St. Petersburg, FL, 33712.

**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.

**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 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 current directors are:

Edward G. Dreyer III [P], PO Box 7249, St. Petersburg, FL 33734;

Verone Lazio [S], 848 14th Ave. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701;

Curvus Valentine [T], 732 22nd Ave, St. Petersburg, FL 33704.

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

Name: Verone Lazio

Street Address: 848 14th Ave. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

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.

Verone Lazio  
Registered Agent

6/23/2022  
Date

**ARTICLE IX - ARTICLE CONSOLIDATION**

These adopted amended and restated articles of incorporation supersede the original articles of incorporation and all amendments to them.

**ARTICLE X - REQUIRED ADOPTION INFORMATION**

These restated articles of incorporation contain an amendment to the articles of incorporation which required member approval. The date of adoption of the amendments was JULY 7, 2022, and the votes cast were sufficient for approval.

**I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that the false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, Florida Statutes.**

Date: 7/7/2022

Verone Lazio  
Signature

VERONE LAZIO  
Printed Name

SECRETARY  
Title of Signatory (President, Secretary, or Treasurer)