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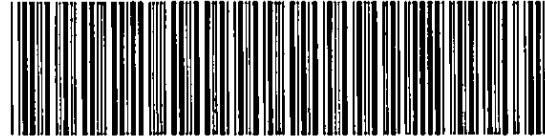
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SUBJECT: BENT TREE SPANISH CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S  
WITNESSES, INC.  
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We have received your document for BENT TREE SPANISH CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$35.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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**TO:** Amendment Section  
Division of Corporations

**NAME OF CORPORATION:** BENT TREE SPANISH CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, INC.

**DOCUMENT NUMBER:** N99000005027

The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Alexis Perez-Ibanez

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(Address)

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(City/ State and Zip Code)

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# ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

FOR

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**BENT TREE SPANISH CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, INC.**

**Document Number N99000005027**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this Florida Not For Profit Corporation, adopts the following amendments(s) to its Articles of Incorporation.

## ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of the corporation shall remain the same and is **BENT TREE SPANISH CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, INC.**

## ARTICLE II—PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The location and principal place of worship of the Congregation is **10790 SW 36 Street, Miami, FL 33165. The mailing address is 10150 SW 66 Street, Miami, FL 33173.**

## ARTICLE III—PURPOSE

- A. The purposes of the Congregation are:
1. to worship Almighty God, Jehovah, and to support the rulership of his Son, Jesus Christ;
  2. 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);
  3. to learn the truths of the Bible and the faith and beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses, all of which are based upon the Bible;
  4. to recognize the spiritual authority of the ecclesiastical Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses ("Governing Body");
- B. In accomplishing its purposes, the Congregation may:
1. 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;
  2. maintain financial accounts in the name of the Congregation.

## ARTICLE IV—DIRECTORS and AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES

The directors of the corporation are hereby amended and the new directors shall be the persons listed below:

***President***

Carlos Estrada  
3765 SW 149 Ave  
Miami, FL 33185-3924

***Vice President***

Julio C. Paez, Sr.  
16360 SW 48 Terr  
Miami, FL 33185-5133

***Secretary***

Alexis Perez-Ibañez  
10150 SW 66 St  
Miami, FL 33173

***Treasurer***

Hansel Luis  
7951 SW 164 Ave  
Miami, FL 33193

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.

The Coordinator of the Body of Elders 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 of the Body of Elders or Secretary, the Service Overseer is authorized to execute all official documents with the other available member of the Congregation Service Committee.

**ARTICLE V—MEMBERS**

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 member of the Congregation.

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.

## **ARTICLE VI—REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent shall remain the same and is re-stated below:

Carlos Estrada  
3765 SW 149 Ave.  
Miami, FL 33185-3924

## **ARTICLE VII—MEETINGS**

The Congregation shall regularly hold meetings in accordance with the spiritual direction of the Governing Body.

## **ARTICLE VIII—AMENDMENT**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, by a majority vote of the members at any noticed and scheduled meeting of the Congregation.

## **ARTICLE IX—PERSONAL LIABILITY**

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

## **ARTICLE X —PROPERTY**

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.

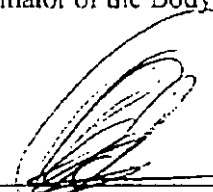
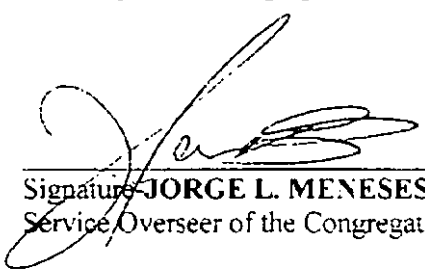
In the event a dispute ever arises over who is entitled to own or possess the property of the Congregation, if the Congregation cannot decide the dispute in a manner satisfactory to all of the members, the dispute will be decided by Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, a corporation that serves 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.

#### ARTICLE XI—DISSOLUTION

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 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 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).

These Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation were adopted at a regular Service Meeting of the congregation 06 day of December, 2017, at which a quorum was present, by a unanimous vote of the members of the Congregation, who were qualified by the terms of these Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to vote.

  
Signature **OTNEIL RODRIGUEZ**  
Coordinator of the Body of Elders  
Signature **ALEXIS PEREZ-IBÁÑEZ**  
Secretary of the Congregation  
Signature **JORGE L. MENESES**  
Service Overseer of the Congregation