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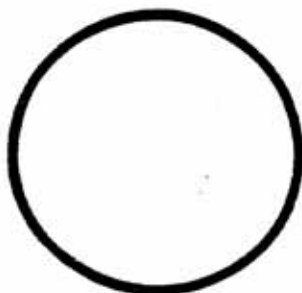
Articles of Amendment to the  
Articles of Incorporation of  
Watch Tower Bible and Tract  
Society To

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MICHAEL A. DELLA VECCHIA  
RECORDER OF DEEDS  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY } SS:



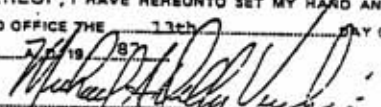
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RECORDER OF DEEDS, ETC., IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT  
THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF

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AS THE SAME WAS RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY  
ON THE 27th DAY OF February A.D. 19 45 AND IS ON RECORD IN  
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND  
AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE SAID OFFICE THE 13th DAY OF  
November 7 1947

  
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**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT**  
 (Officers' Certificate of Amendment to  
 the Articles of Incorporation of the  
**WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY**  
 pursuant to the  
 Nonprofit Corporation Law of the  
 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania)

We, the undersigned Nathan E. Knorr and William E. Van Amburgh, being respectively President and Secretary of the WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY, hereby certify:

**First**

The name of the corporation is Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society. The location of its registered office is Nebesh Building, 410 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

**Second**

The corporation was formed under the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of certain Corporations", approved April 29, 1874. The articles as applied for were granted on December 13, 1884, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Allegheny County on December 15, 1884, and appear in the Charter Book, Volume 9, page 250, of the records in said office.

**Third**

Certain resolutions for the proposed amendment of the articles of Incorporation, of said Society were duly adopted under and by virtue of an Act of the Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of May 9, 1933 (Public Law 289), known as the "Nonprofit Corporation Law", as amended April 30, 1943 (Public Law 137).

**Fourth**

These said resolutions were adopted at a regular annual meeting of the shareholders-members of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society was held at Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, on Monday, October 2, 1944, at 10 o'clock a. m., which time and place of meeting were the time and place required by the by-laws and the Nonprofit Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Fifth**

There were present at said meeting a quorum and more than a majority of shareholders and voting shares.

**Sixth**

All of the shareholding members at said regular annual meeting were duly notified by mailing to each member on or about September 1, 1944 (more than ten days before the date of such meeting) a copy of a written notice describing in detail each of the amendments as hereinafter set forth.

**Seventh**

A resolution was offered to said meeting to amend Article II of the articles of incorporation. Said resolution as offered reads as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the members of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, being a majority of the members entitled to vote for amendments to the articles of incorporation, that Article II of said articles, reading as follows:

"The purpose for which the corporation is formed is...the dissemination of Bible truths in various languages by means of the publication of tracts, pamphlets, papers and other religious documents, and by the use of all other lawful means which its Board of Directors, duly constituted; shall deem expedient for the furtherance of the purpose stated, be deleted and amended by changing the same to read as follows:

**II.** The purposes of this Society are: To act as the servant of and the legal world-wide governing agency for that body of Christian persons known as Jehovah's witnesses; to preach the gospel of God's kingdom under Christ Jesus unto all nations as a witness to the seas, words and expressions of Almighty Good (JEHOVAH); to print and distribute Bibles and to disseminate Bible truths in various languages by means of sending and publishing literature containing information and comment explaining Bible truths and prophecy concerning establishment of Jehovah's kingdom under Christ Jesus; to authorize and appoint agents.

servants, employees, teachers, instructors, evangelists, missionaries and ministers to go forth to all the world publicly and from house to house to preach and teach Bible truths to persons willing to listen by leaving with such persons said literature and by conducting Bible studies thereon; to improve men, women and children mentally and morally by Christian missionary work and by charitable and benevolent instruction of the people on the Bible and incidental scientific, historical and literary subjects; to establish and maintain private Bible schools and classes for gratuitous instruction of men and women in the Bible, Bible literature and Bible history; to teach, train, prepare and equip men and women as ministers, missionaries, evangelists, preachers, teachers and lecturers; to provide and maintain homes, places and buildings for gratuitous housing of such students, lecturers, teachers and ministers; to furnish gratuitously to such students, lecturers, teachers, educators and ministers suitable meals and lodging and to prepare, support, maintain and send out to various parts of the world Christian missionaries, teachers and instructors in the Bible and Bible literature, and for public Christian worship of Almighty God and Christ Jesus; to arrange for and hold local and world-wide assemblies for such worship; to use or operate radio broadcasting stations for preaching this gospel of the kingdom; and to do any and all other lawful things that its Board of Directors shall deem expedient for the purposes stated.

The foregoing resolution for the said amendment of Article II was discussed and considered and upon being submitted to vote of the members entitled to vote thereon was duly adopted by a vote of more than a majority of said members who voted as a class.

The total number of voting shares of shareholder-members of the corporation in good standing at the time of said meeting was 232,286.

The total number of voting shares of shareholder members appearing in person and by proxy was 225,305.

The total vote upon the foregoing resolution when separately offered and adopted was: 225,302.

FOR the resolution 225,302 votes.

AGAINST the resolution None votes.

Eighth

A resolution was offered to said meeting to amend Article III of the articles of incorporation. Said resolution as offered reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, being a majority of the members entitled to vote for amendments to the articles of incorporation, that Article III of said articles, reading as follows:

"The place where the business of the said corporation is to be transacted is the City of Allegheny, in the County of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania."

be deleted and amended by changing the same to read as follows:

III. The location and post office address of the registered office of the Society is in the City of Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The foregoing resolution for the said amendment of Article III was discussed and considered and upon being submitted to vote of the members entitled to vote thereon was duly adopted by a vote of more than a majority of said members who voted as a class.

The total number of voting shares of shareholder-members of the corporation in good standing at the time of said meeting was 232,286.

The total number of voting shares of shareholder-members appearing in person and by proxy was 225,305.

The total vote upon the foregoing resolution when separately offered and adopted was: 225,302.

FOR the resolution 225,302 votes.

AGAINST the resolution None votes.

Ninth

A resolution was offered to said meeting to amend Article V of the articles of incorporation. Said resolution as offered reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, being a majority of the members entitled to vote for amendments to the articles of incorporation, that Article V of said articles, reading as follows:

"The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows:

Charles T. Russell	Allegheny City,	Pennsylvania
William I. Mann	Benwood,	West Virginia
Maria F. Russell,	Allegheny City,	Pennsylvania
Wm. C. McMillan,	Latrobe,	Pennsylvania.
Simon O. Blunden,	New York City,	New York
J. B. Adamson,	Allegheny City,	Pennsylvania
Joseph F. Smith,	Pittsburgh,	Pennsylvania

"The corporation has no capital stock. Each donation of Ten dollars to the funds of said corporation shall entitle the contributor, or his assigns, to one non-forfeitable, non-assessable, and non-dividend bearing share, and to one vote for every such share in said corporation. Certificate of membership so acquired shall be issued by the Secretary, countersigned by the President, to the persons entitled thereto."

be deleted and amended by changing the same to read as follows:

V. The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows:

Charles T. Russell,	Allegheny City,	Pennsylvania.
William I. Mann,	Benwood,	West Virginia.
Maria F. Russell,	Allegheny City,	Pennsylvania.
Wm. C. McMillan,	Latrobe,	Pennsylvania.
Simon O. Blunden,	New York City,	New York.
J. B. Adamson,	Allegheny City,	Pennsylvania.
Joseph F. Smith,	Pittsburgh,	Pennsylvania.

The corporation has no capital stock. It is not operated on a stock-share basis