INTERNATIONAL DELIVERANCE CHURCH OF GOD

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Sir or Madam:

The International Deliverance Church of God was started by the late Pastor Willie E. Sutton in April of 1972 at 1418 Florida Avenue, NE, Washington, DC as the Little Temple Deliverance Church of God #II. He served in this capacity as pastor with a hand full of members until he died in June 1978. After his death, his wife, Evangelist Hughline M. Sutton was directed by God to oversee the Pastorship of the church. Evangelist H. M. Sutton and her few, but faithful members continued in service in the Master's will, and with time, began to experience some growth in membership.

Shortly after Evangelist Sutton took over, the church relocated from 1418 Florida Avenue, NE to 1348 Florida Avenue, NE. The federal government required us to vacate the building we were renting in order for them to build a new housing project. During our stay at our new location the name was changed to International Deliverance Church of God, by commission of the Almighty God. Evangelist Sutton was later ordained and licensed pastor of the church. We labored serving in the community for the next nineteen years filling both temporal and spiritual needs. This very small congregation has assisted the community by providing: food for the homeless, financial assistance to the needy, counseling, prayer and visiting of the sick and shut-in.

However, the time came when the Lord once again commissioned us to look for a new home. It was time for us to move on in preparation of taking His work to a greater dimension. Also, our landlord decided to sell the building that we occupied, so in December of 1997 we moved to the basement of one of our member's house in Silver Spring, MD as a temporary stay. Due to the move to the basement in Silver Spring, MD we have lost several of our members. From here, the church's goal is to move into a building with the capacity to expand its missions. Ultimately, our goal is to own a place where we can continue to facilitate and serve the needs of the community in addition to providing out-reach programs for the youth, in effort to give them hope. We have leased a building at 1541 5th Street, NW, Washington since October of 1999 but have experience difficulty with parking accommodations. However, we have been successful in renting the parking facility located at P & 5th Street at the Scott Montgomery Elementary School.

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We the members and officers are committed to persevere with our Pastor in accomplishing that which we are commissioned to do. We knowing that 'The race is not for the swift, nor the battle for the strong…' Ecclesiastes 9v11. '…But he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved'. Matthew 24v13.

Sincerely,

Pastor I. Dallas

Deacon E. Morgan

Evangelist O. Henry

Evangelist L. Wilson

Missionary E. Morgan

Missionary D. James

Missionary V. Walters

Missionary L. Walters

Missionary I. Rhoden

Brother S. Sutton

Brother C. Sutton

Sister M. McLeish

Sister S. Cunningham

Sister P. Morgan

Sister M. Lawrence

Brother M. McLeish

Sister D. Morgan