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Mr. Richard Nero
District of Columbia Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210-S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Pilgrim A.M.E. Church
1671 Gales Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002
BZA File #16917

Dear Mr. Nero:

Please find enclosed a letter addressed to Ivette Basterrechea, Chair of ANC 6A in which Pilgrim A.M.E. Church requests a copy of the transcript or minute notes from ANC 6A meeting held on Thursday, July 11, 2002, as well as a copy of the transcript or minutes/notes recorded for the ANC 6A Zoning and Licensing Subcommittee meeting which was held on Wednesday, July 10, 2002. During both of these hearings, the application of Pilgrim A.M.E. Church requesting for special exception and variance relief for a church program use was heard. Any response to my request to ANC 6A will be directly forwarded to your office for inclusion in File #16917.

Also please find enclosed documentation which establishes the non profit status for Pilgrim A.M.E. Church as requested by the Board of Zoning Adjustment during its hearing of October 1, 2002

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Case No. 16917
Exhibit No. 35

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16917
EXHIBIT NO.35

cc: Rev. Dr. Lois Poag-Ray
Midgett S. Parker, Jr., Esq.

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Ms. Ivette Basterrechea, Chair, ANC 6A
1610 D Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

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P.O. Box 76680
Washington, DC 20013-6680

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1671 Gales Street, N.E.
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Dear Ms. Basterrechea:

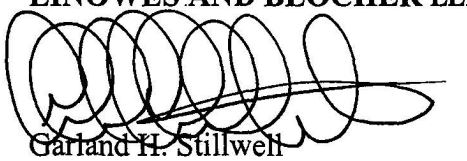
On October 1, 2002, the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment heard the application of Pilgrim A.M.E. Church which sought a use variance and special exception approval for a "church program" use at its site located at 1617 Gale Street, N.E. As you may recall, ANC 6A reviewed this request during its meeting of July 11, 2002. This application was also reviewed by the ANC's Zoning and Licensing Subcommittee, which met on July 10, 2002.

I respectfully request a copy of the minutes, meeting notes or any transcripts which were maintained during the convening of these two described meetings. We have been asked by the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Appeals to make this request so that your minutes may be submitted into the official record for this case.

Please contact me at 301-650-7014, if you have any questions or to facilitate the reproduction of the meeting records. You may also forward any correspondences to me at my address listed above. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future, and again, Pilgrim A.M.E. Church thanks you for your support and consideration in reviewing our project.

Sincerely,

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Garland H. Stillwell

cc: Rev. Dr. Lois Poag-Ray
Mr. Gregory J. Ferrell, ANC 6A12
Midgett S. Parker, Jr., Esq.

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUSINESS REGULATION ADMINISTRATION

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C E R T I F I C A T E

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that there was received and accepted for record in the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations Division, on the 15th day of May, 1960, a Certificate of Incorporation of:

PILGRIM A.M.E. CHURCH

WE FURTHER CERTIFY, that said Certificate of Incorporation has not been dissolved or revoked as of the date hereinafter set forth.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this office to be affixed this 28th day of January, 1997.

Hampton Cross
Director

Katherine A. Williams
Administrator

Superintendent of Corporations

Government of the District of Columbia
Marion Barry, Jr. Mayor

X5307 CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

We, PORTER HALL/ of 1602 Levis St. N.E., HARRISON A. WEST/ of 1148 6th St. N.E., and JOHN W. COLBERT/ of 710 19th St. N.E. all of whom are residents of the District of Columbia, do hereby certify as follows:

That at a meeting of the members of the Pilgrim A. M. E. Church, held on the 4th day of May, A. D., 1926, in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, said members under the provisions of Chapter XVIII, Subchapter 2, of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia, associated themselves into a religious society or body corporate, in said District, formed for the purpose of religious worship, in accordance with the tenets, faith and practice of the denomination of Christians known as African Methodist Episcopals. That the name adopted by the religious society or corporation is "PILGRIM A. M. E. CHURCH", and its location 718 - 19th St., N. E., Washington, D. C.

That at the said meeting held at the time and place aforesaid, we, the undersigned, were duly elected and appointed trustees of said religious society or corporation, for a period of five years from said date.

Given under our hands and seals this 13th day of September A. D., 1926, in the District of Columbia aforesaid.

Porter Hall (SEAL)
Harrison A West (SEAL)
John W Colbert (SEAL)

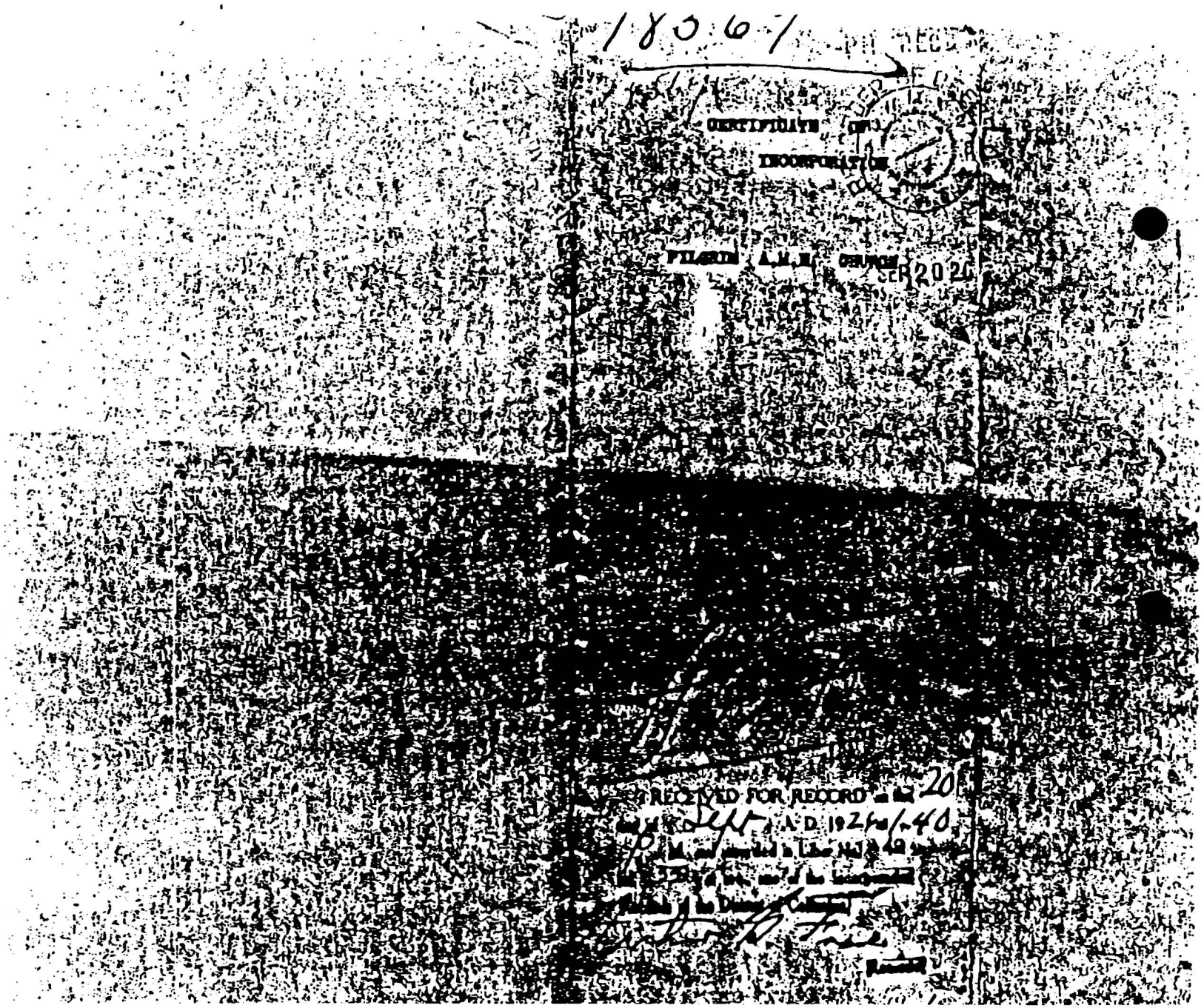
I, PORTER HALL, being first duly sworn on oath say that I have read the foregoing certificate signed by HARRISON A. WEST, JOHN W. COLBERT and myself and know the contents thereof, that the statements therein contained are true in substance and in fact.

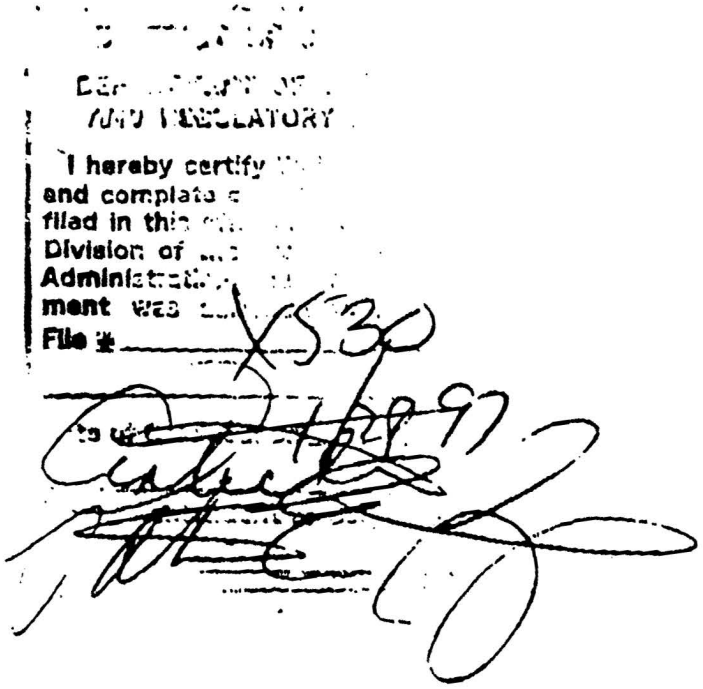
Porter Hall

L. JENNINGS NOTARY PUBLIC

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of September A. D., 1926.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUSINESS REGULATION ADMINISTRATION

CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that there were received and accepted for record in the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations Division, on the 11TH day of AUGUST, 1986, Articles of Incorporation of:

BOARD OF INCORPORATORS, INC. AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The above named corporation is duly incorporated and existing pursuant to and by virtue of the Nonprofit Corporation Act of the District of Columbia and authorized to conduct its affairs in the District of Columbia as of the date mentioned above.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that the above entitled corporation is at the time of issuance of this certificate in Good Standing, according to the records of the Corporations Division, having filed all annual reports required by the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this office to be affixed this 8TH day of JUNE, 1993

Joan Parrott-Fonseca
Director

Barry K. Campbell
Administrator
Business Regulation Administration

Patricia E. Grays
Assistant Superintendent of Corporations
Corporations Division

Sharon Pratt Kelly
Mayor

DSCB-56 (Rev. 12-89)

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

May 16, 1990

Department of State

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That from an examination of the indices and corporate records of this Department, it appears that on December 17, 1933 Articles of Incorporation of

"THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, INC."

were filed under and pursuant to the Non Profit Corporation Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That no proceedings in dissolution adversely affecting the corporate existence of the foregoing have been subsequently filed.

WHEREFORE, It appears that this corporation remains a presently subsisting corporation as of the date hereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Commonwealth to be affixed, the day and year above written.

Christopher A. Ludwick

Secretary of the Commonwealth clk

The Board of Incorporators of the African Methodist Episcopal Church



IN THE NAME OF [illegible] AMEN.

KNOW YE, L. D. Bonner, V. H. Reed, Simeon E. Wade, Daniel H. Bonner, H. H. Palmer, John H. Hankins and P. H. H. Brown, and have also those of them who are citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, by these presents, and upon consideration for a Charter of Incorporation for the purposes, and upon the terms, and by the names hereinafter stated, under the provisions of the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of certain Religious Corporations," approved the 5th day of May, 1933, and the supplements thereto, and supplements do hereby set forth and declare:

I. The name of this Corporation shall be THE BOARD OF INCORPORATORS OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

II. The address of the proposed registered office of the Corporation is 1000 North 10th Street, Philadelphia, in the County of Philadelphia, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

III. The purposes of the proposed incorporation are as follows: That this proposed incorporation be in pursuance of an order taken by the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church at ecumenical session assembled in Chicago, Illinois, on May 22nd and continuing by adjournment following and close of the 1932 quadrennial session of the said General Conference of the aforenamed Church thereon, which was held in Cleveland, Ohio, wherein it was determined that the General Board of the General Conference of said Church should be incorporated in the State of Pennsylvania, with principal office at Philadelphia; That said General Conference Board of Trustees, in pursuance to the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, and the provisions of the said Act of the said Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, according to the ruling of the Department of State of Pennsylvania, for the purposes of incorporation hereinafter mentioned, and for the purposes of [illegible] and other real estate [illegible] and [illegible] and other real estate [illegible] and [illegible] and other real estate [illegible] and

BOARD OF ICNORPORATORS OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
% JOSEPH C. MCKINNEY TREASURER
1541 14TH ST NW
WASHINGTON DC 20005

Refer Reply to:
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Date:
February 7, 1975
Group Exemption Number:
2652

Dear Officer or Trustee:

We are contacting all group central organizations because the 1975 Form 990 and instructions require each central organization and its subordinates to show their group exemption number (GEN) in Part I, item 18(b), of Form 990.

Your group exemption number is shown above. Please advise any of your subordinates that are required to file an annual information return, Form 990, to place your group exemption number on their return.

Church central organizations are not required to file an annual information return. However, any of their subordinates that do not qualify as "integrated auxiliaries" of a church are required to file an information return, Form 990, and should include on that return the appropriate group exemption number. We are preparing a proposed amendment to the Income Tax Regulations which will define an integrated auxiliary of a church. When that amendment is published, we will send an information copy to holders of group exemption rulings under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. (Organizations exempt under other provisions will not receive a copy.)

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J.A. Tedesco, Director
Exempt Organizations Division

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Internal Revenue Servi—

District
Director

Person to Contac EP/EO

Telephone Numb: 488-3100

Refer Reply to: Taxpayer Service Divis:

Date: 1/1 /15

Board of Incorporators
of the African Methodist
Episopal Church
2311 M St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

The following information regarding the exempt status of your organization
is furnished in response to your letter dated 10/ 3/84

☐ We have searched our files and can find no record that the organization is exempt from Federal Income Tax. In the event the organization wishes to apply for tax-exempt status, the appropriate forms and information are attached.

☒ A search of our files indicates that the organization is exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) and other than a pr foundation described in sections 509(a) (1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i) effective May 1978.

☐ A fact sheet containing basic information about the organization's tax-exempt status is enclosed.

☐ A copy of our letter certifying the status of the organization is enclosed.

☒ A copy of our letter certifying the status of the organization is not available, however, this letter may be used to verify your tax-exempt status.

☐ Your change of address has been noted in our files. Our records now indicate your address as:

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Sincerely yours,

Teddy K. [illegible]

District Director

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