STATEMENT OF INTENDED USE

Pilgrim A.M.E. Church "Church Program" Use

Pilgrim A.M.E. Church (the "Church"), which is located at 612 17th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002, owns property which is the subject of this application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment ("BZA"), located at 1671 Gales Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. For at least the past 50 years, 1671 Gales Street, N.E. was used as a small corner store for commercial use. The Church purchased this property on February 9, 2000. Current records from the District of Columbia Tax and Revenue Office indicates that the Church, which is a non-taxable religious institution, is the current owner of this property. The Church proposes to use the subject site as a multi-purpose building for its religious and community ministries.

The Church proposes the following uses for 1671 Gales Street, N.E.:

1. Church ministry counseling;
2. Church-related meetings conferences and seminars;
3. Bible study;
4. Job placement counseling;
5. Youth ministry activities;
6. Community-oriented forums; and
7. Single day health and well being forums and events, such as, blood drives, blood pressure checks and glaucoma screening.

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The Church is a non-profit religious institution organized under the laws of the District of Columbia. One of its purposes is to provide religious and community-based ministry to the immediate Rosedale community and District of Columbia community in general. All activities described above will be conducted within the existing subject property structure. The staff,

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which will be conducting the various programs described above, will primarily be volunteers. The exception will be the contract staff which will be responsible for the job placement counseling. That staff will not exceed 25 percent of all of the volunteers that will be involved in managing, operating, and working with the various programs that the church will engage in on the subject property as described above. The Church has been in the Rosedale community for over 76 years (founded in 1926), and is an intricate part of the community with regard to its community outreach and ministry to the neighboring residents. The activities described above are not likely to become objectionable or result in noise and traffic, but should be beneficial to not only the members of the Church, but also to the community abroad. The Church is open to all residents within and without the Rosedale community with regard to its church services and other ministry programs. The Church does not plan to install a sign on the building but does intend to affix lettering to the front of 1071 Gales Street, N.E. which will state, "Pilgrim A.M.E. Church Multi-Purpose Center." This lettering will be affixed directly to the brick structure of the subject property and will not be illuminated or displayed in any temporary sign like medium.