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Dear Sir or Madam:

This modifies our letter dated December 1996. In that letter we determined that your organization is exempt under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, as an organization described in section 501(c)(3). We determined that you were not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you were a public charity described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Code.

In your letter dated August 28, 2002, you requested classification as a church described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Code. Based on the information you provided, we have determined that you meet the requirements for the requested foundation classification. Accordingly, we have granted your request and modified your foundation status to reflect an organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i). In addition, as a church you are not required to file Form 990.

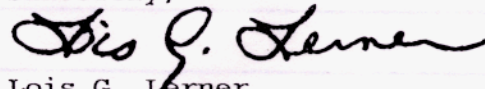
Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) remains in effect.

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination until the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act that resulted in your loss of such status, or acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and/or foundation status, you should keep it with your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,



Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations
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