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SUBJECT: Holy Order of St. Luke the Healer, Inc.				
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)				
Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:				
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5218 Van Buren Road Address				
Delray Beach, FL 33484 City, State & Zip				
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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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## **Articles of Incorporation**

## Holy Order of St. Luke the Healer, Inc.

### A Florida Not for Profit Corporation

The undersigned hereby adopts the following articles of incorporation in Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit).

#### **Article 1- Name**

The name of this corporation shall be the

Holy Order of St. Luke the Healer

**Article 2- Principal Office** 

The principal street address is:

5218 Van Buren Road Delray Beach, FL 33484

And mailing address shall be the same

## **Article 3- Purpose**

The specific purposes for which this corporation is formed are as follows:

- a. Religious- to celebrate and worship God in the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit and to honor Mary, the Mother of God (also known as the Theotokos), the saints and martyrs and ministering to the Faithful the Holy Sacraments according to the Orthodox tradition and Apostolic Succession beginning with the Early Christian Church and continuing to the present day as one holy, catholic and apostolic church
- b. Evangelism- promoting, educating, disseminating, encouraging and advancing the Word of God, Faith as engendered in the Nicene Creed and Orthodox traditions and history occasioning belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and His worship in spirit and truth, building up the Body of Christ in grace and love, and shall include the sending forth of missionaries both at home and in foreign lands to those ends

- c. Healing of Body, Mind and Spirit- recognizing the holistic integration of body, mind and spirit and the unassailable truth that impact on one will impact the others, and that the tradition of both Western and Byzantine history of religious being healers of body, mind and soul, the Church will carry on such a tradition by addressing the needs of the
  - (1) <u>Spirit</u> by offering Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion, and Anointing at end-oflife, as well as other Sacraments
  - (2) Mind by offering pastoral and nouthetic counseling and psychotherapy to assist with problems associated with daily life and living and peoples' psych-spiritual needs, social skills and personal development
  - (3) <u>Body</u> by utilizing a broad spectrum of quality integrative and complementary health procedures and therapies of care including but not limited to diet and dietary supplementation, such as herbs, energy, massage, meditation, movement therapies, hypnotherapy reflexology, homeopathy and other natural and naturopathic methods and historical healthcare traditions from around the world

Further, it is the recognition and acceptance of prayer, noetics, the "laying on of hands", etc. that are the Charism of Healing of the Holy Spirit for the individual, society and the world

- d. Global Unity and Ecumenism- to promote unity and ecumenism between the Christian Churches first and then between religious traditions generally, and harmony between nations including conflict resolution
- e. The education, training, preparation, licensing, ordination and overseeing of individuals in the history, doctrine, practices and theology of Christian faith in the Orthodox tradition in one's spiritual life and/or life as an ordained religious priest, cleric, monastic, brother or sister or lay secular or conventional oblate
- f. Engendering self-sufficiency and self-reliance in terms of food, health, energy and spiritual development in any appropriate format within the context of community
- g. Providing for education and leaning tools for all peoples and for all ages
- h. To organize itself nationally and internationally by geographic regions, territories, districts, dioceses, vicariates, abbey, nunnery, priory or any other organizational structure
- i. Helping to address societal needs under the changing conditions of society and the world at large including poverty, illness, lack of food and housing, aging, advocacy, comforting in death and dying in both physical as well a spiritual senses, and similar such eleemosynary work
- j. Creation and dissemination of various information including religious, spiritual, health, self-sufficiency, historical, social, etc. through all available media channels including the printed word and image, audio-visual, radio, television internet, etc.

k. Establishing a library and gathering information, books, journals, manuscripts, audio and visual materials, paintings, icons, historical objects and similar in religion and faith, health, medicine, indigenous medical traditions and the like

Notwithstanding the above, all religious, spiritual, charitable, eleemosynary, scientific, literary and educational activities within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) of 1986 or any future United States Internal Revenue Law, not specifically denoted or described herein and to also engage in activities which are necessary, suitable or convenient for the accomplishment of that purpose, or which are incidental thereto or connected therewith which are consistent with §501(c)(3) of the IRC. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of §501(c)(3), IRC.

#### **Article 4- Powers**

In furtherance of its purposes and objectives and to provide funds therefor, this corporation shall have the capacity and power to do any and all things necessary and appropriate to their accomplishment, including but not limited, to:

- a. To hold, manage and administer any and all real and personal property of every kind and description acquired by the corporation; to use and apply the whole or part of the income therefrom and the principal interest thereof exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes, either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended
- b. To accept and receive by tithe, offering, gift, devise, bequest or otherwise for the uses and purposes of this corporation, any property real, personal or mixed of any kind, nature or description
- c. To acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise; to own, hold, maintain and improve; to sell, exchange, mortgage, license, lease or otherwise dispose of, such real and personal property as may be necessary to further accomplish this corporation's purposes
- d. To invest and reinvest its funds and assets, subject to the limitations and conditions contained in any gift, devise, bequest or grant; provided, however, that such limitations and conditions are not in conflict with the provisions of §501 (c)(3) of the IRC and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended
- e. To make and enter into contracts and agreements of every kind and description necessary to further the purposes of this corporation and to apply for, receive, contract, administrate and perform, gifts, grants, awards, contracts and programs to accomplish its purposes with any and all religious, governmental, charitable, eleemosynary, educational, or scientific organizations
- f. In operating under the name as set forth in Article I above and further in adopting and assuming names in furtherance of its purposes as stated herein
- g. To lend its funds upon adequate security and to borrow for its corporate purposes, to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes or other obligations in payment for property acquired or

money borrowed and secure the same by mortgage or pledge of any and all its corporate real or personal property or both

- h. To exercise all rights and privileges appurtenant to any securities or any property held by this corporation, including, but without limitation to, the right to vote any share of stock which may be held by this corporation
- i. To act as trustee of funds for trusts created solely for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes as shall be in furtherance of the purposes and objectives of this corporation
- j. To do any and every act or thing, and to engage in any other activity or undertaking necessary or convenient to the fulfillment of the purposes of this corporation which a corporate body may lawfully do or perform; provided, however, that only such acts or things shall be done and such activities or undertakings engaged in as are in furtherance of the tax-exempt purposes of this corporation and as may be done or engaged in by an organization exempt under §501(c)(3) of the IRC and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended
- k. To hold meetings, lectures, seminars and other educational, business, and social programs, to engage speakers, to compile and distribute information, and to provide printed material, forms, recordings, and other presentations or materials for the benefit of the members and/or the public
- To collect dues, to engage in fund-raising activities, and to borrow money and to issue notes and other
  evidences of indebtedness and obligations from time to time for any lawful corporate purpose or
  objective, and to mortgage, pledge, and otherwise charge any or all its properties, rights, privileges,
  and assets to secure the payment thereof.
- m. To establish terms and conditions of membership in the corporation through its By-Laws
- To employ qualified counsel and other necessary personnel to carry out the purposes of the corporation
- o. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office
- p. To do any and every act or thing, and to engage in any other activity or undertaking necessary or convenient to the fulfillment of the purposes of this corporation which a corporate body may lawfully do or perform; provided, however, that only such acts or things shall be done and such activities or undertakings engaged in as are in furtherance of the tax-exempt purposes of this corporation and as may be done or engaged in by an organization exempt under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

## **Article 5- Manner of Appointing Directors**

Directors shall be appointed by in the manner set forth in the bylaws. Directors may be removed and the vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided by the bylaws.

#### Article 6- Initial Directors

The directors named in these articles shall serve as initial directors for the ensuing year, or until the first meeting of the corporation, and any vacancies before then shall be filled in the manner set forth in the bylaws.

Lev G Fedyniak 5218 Van Buren Road Delray Beach, FL33484 Michael Michalow 186 Baitz Avenue Buffalo, NY 14206

Karen Capp 2514 Heath Court Kissimmee, FL 34744

#### Article 7- Indemnification of Directors and Officers

- A. The Corporation hereby indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless from claim, liability, loss or judgment any Director or officer made a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action, suit or proceeding by or on behalf of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor), brought to impose a liability or penalty on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such person in his or her capacity as Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise in which he served at the request of the Corporation, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees actually and reasonably incurred as a result of such action, suit or proceeding or any appeal thereof, if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. The termination of any such action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not create a presumption that any such Director or officer did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation. Such person shall not be entitled to indemnification in relation to matters as to which such person has been adjudged to have been guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his or her duties to the Corporation.
- B. Any indemnification under paragraph (A) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that amounts for which a Director or officer seeks indemnification were properly incurred and that such Director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation, and that, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. Such determination shall be made by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding

- C. The Corporation shall be entitled to assume the defense of any person seeking indemnification pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a) above upon a preliminary determination by the Board of Directors that such person has met the applicable standards of conduct set forth in paragraph (a) above, and upon receipt of an undertaking by such person to repay all amounts expended by the Corporation in such defense, unless it shall ultimately be determined that such person is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this article. If the Corporation elects to assume the defense, such defense shall be conducted by counsel chosen by it and not objected to in writing for valid reasons by such person. In the event that the Corporation elects to assume the defense of any such person and retains such counsel, such person shall bear the fees and expenses of any additional counsel retained by him, unless there are conflicting interests between or among such person and other parties represented in the same action, suit or proceeding by the counsel retained by the Corporation, that are, for valid reasons, objected to in writing by such person, in which case the reasonable expenses of such additional representation shall be within the scope of the indemnification intended if such person is ultimately determined to be entitled thereto as authorized in this article.
- D.The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be deemed to limit in any way the power of the Corporation to indemnify under any applicable law.
- E. The indemnification contained in this Article 7 shall not constitute a waiver of the protection of Section 617.0285, Florida Statutes, or any other provision of law exonerating officers or directors of Florida not for profit corporations from liability.

## Article 8- Initial Registered Office and Agent

The name and street address of the Initial Registered Agent of the corporation is as follows:

Lev G. Fedyniak 5218 Van Buren Road Delray Beach, FL 33484

**Article 9- Incorporator** 

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Lev G. Fedyniak 5218 Van Buren Road Delray Beach, FL 33484

#### Article 10- Members

This is an autonomous and autocephalic (self-governing) religious Order in the orthodox tradition, retaining all rights of self-government in all phases of the religious and spiritual life and charisms of the members of the Order, both religious and lay members.

Members shall be accepted by in the manner set forth in the bylaws. Members may be removed or added in the manner provided by the bylaws.

#### Article 11- Term and Dissolution

The date of commencement of corporate existence shall be when these articles have been filed with the Department of State and approved by it and the respective filing fee has been paid; the term for which the corporation is to exist shall be perpetual. In the event of dissolution of the corporation, no part of the corporation's earnings or assets shall inure to the benefit of any of its members; the residual assets of the corporation shall be distributed to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in §501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose.

#### **Article 12 Non-Profit Organization**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in article 3. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on: (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under §501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law or: (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under §170(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue laws.

#### **Article 13 Bylaws**

The first bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the board of directors and may be amended, altered or rescinded by the board of directors in the manner provided by such bylaws.

## **Article 14 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation**

These articles of incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by statute or in the following manner: Every amendment shall be approved by the board of directors.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED INCORPORATOR, for the purposes of becoming a corporation not for profit under the provisions of the laws of Florida, do make and affix my signature to acknowledge and file in the office of the Secretary of State these articles of incorporation.

Lev G Fedyniak

November 5, 2012

Date

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Lev G Fedyniak

November 5, 2012

Date

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