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Mr. Charles L. Stewart III 142 E. 19 Street, Hialeah, FL 33010

March 26, 2016

Florida Department of State Division of Corporations Corporate Filings P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: ILE ORUNMILA OGUNDA-BEDE, INC.

# Dear Sir or Madame:

Enclose please find the articles of incorporation and our check in the amount of \$81.75 made payable to the Florida Department of States to cover the following fees:

Not-for-profit corporation filing fee	\$35.00
Designation of Registered Agent:	\$35.00
Mr. Charles L. Stewart III	
Certified Copy	\$8.75
Certified Copy 3 pages	\$3.00
Total:	\$81.75

The designated Registered Agent is Mr. Charles L. Stewart III, 142 E. 19 Street, Hialeah, FL 33010. His signature appears on the last page of the Articles of Incorporation.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Stewart III Incorporator

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### **OF**

# ILE ORUNMILA OGUNDA-BEDE, INC.

# A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporate Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I: The name of the corporation is ILE ORUNMILA OGUNDA-BEDE, INC.

ARTICLE II: The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be: 124 East 19 Street, Hialeah, FL 33010.

ARTICLE III: The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are:

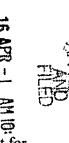
This corporation is charitable organized exclusively for one or more purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

It is organized to establish a place of worship, a church, for the Lucumi religion, a recognized religion established by Afro-Cuban ethnic group of Yoruba ancestry. Lucumi, also known as Santería, Regla de Ochá or La Regla de Lucumí, is an established religion of Caribbean origin which developed in the Spanish Empire among West African descendants. Santería is influenced by and syncretized with Roman Catholicism. Its liturgical language, a dialect of Yoruba, is also known as Lucumí.

A similar church was established within the city limits of Hialeah after ensuring the 1993 decision in the case of Lukumi vs. Hialeah in THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT in Case 508 U.S. 520 (https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/508/520/case.html).

Specifically, this organization is establishes a place of worship for the Lucumi religion.

- When necessary and within its means, the organization will assist families of all religions, without discrimination, based on the U.S. Tenth amendment regardless race, gender, national origin, <u>colour</u>, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, or disability. It will offer privacy, the freedoms of thought and conscience, speech and expression, religion, assembly and movement.
- 2. The organization will also offer aid to persons in the event of catastrophic events forcing evacuation of refugees from war torn areas with the essentials to confront immediate needs to survive and, to adapt, acculturate, and become productive residents in host countries.



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Essentials needs may include assistance with passage, temporary lodging, clothing, food, psychological services, medical services, legal services, language, technical training, employment, and to network with other qualified providers of needed services.

ARTICLE IV: The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is:

Initially, four shall be the following five directors.

President: Charles L. Stewart III, 142 East 19 Street, Hialeah, FL 33010. Vice President: Magdolys Stewart, 142 East 19 Street, Hialeah, FL 33010. Secretary: Jaqueline Butler Wilson, 142 East 19 Street, Hialeah, FL 33010. Treasurer: Robert R. Machado, 142 East 19 Street, Hialeah, FL 33010. Director: Oyeniyi Awolola Agboola, 142 East 19 Street, Hialeah, FL 33010.

Directors shall serve on staggered terms basis. One director shall serve for a one-year term, two directors for a two-year term, and another directors for a three-year term. The initial directors where selected according to Bylaws from among distinguish members of the community. At end of each term, directors will be elected according to Bylaws.

ARTICLE V: The name and address of the initial registered agent is: Charles L. Stewart III, 142 East 19 Street, Hialeah, FL 33010.

ARTICLE VI: The name and address of the Incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation is: Charles L. Stewart III, 142 East 19 Street, Hialeah, FL 33010.

ARTICLE VII: The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE VIII: The classes, rights, privileges, qualifications, and obligations of members of this corporation shall be stated in the bylaws of this corporation.

ARTICLE IX: Additional provisions for the operation of the corporation are as follows:

- 1. Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.
- 2. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code), and this corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.
- 3. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, directors, officers, or other private person, except that this

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 these Articles.

- 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 5. In any taxable year in which this corporation is a private foundation as described in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the corporation (1) shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; and; (2) shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of Internal Revenue Code; (3) shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; (4) shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and, (5) shall not make any taxable expenditure as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned Incorporator herby declares under penalty of perjury that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligation of my position as registered agent.

gistered Agent

