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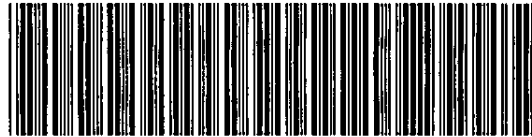
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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**SUBJECT:** Rumi Institute for Pluralism and Ecumenism, 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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Filing Fee &  
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☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
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& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** Parvez Ahmed  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)

12346 Winterpine Court  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Jacksonville, FL 32225  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

904-710-6514  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone number

drparvezahmed@gmail.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

**NOTE:** Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
RUMI INSTITUTE FOR PLURALISM AND ECUMENISM, INC.**

**A Florida "Not for Profit" Corporation**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a not for profit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I - NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The name of the corporation shall be Rumi Institute of Pluralism and Ecumenism, Inc. (the "Corporation"). The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at 12346 Winterpine Court, Jacksonville, FL 32225.

**ARTICLE II - TERM OF EXISTENCE**

The period of duration is perpetual. The Corporation is organized pursuant to the not for profit corporation laws of the State of Florida. The Corporation's corporate existence shall begin on the date these Articles of Incorporation are filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSE AND POWERS**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The organization will improve the quality of life for residents of Duval County by undertaking the following activities:

- A. Conduct educational seminars and programs that teach about the pluralistic traditions of America's religious communities.
- B. Institute programs and activities that improve understanding between various faith-based communities in America.
- C. Establish educational institutions that teach about the ethical and moral foundations that are common across faith-based communities in America.

For such purposes, the Corporation shall have and exercise the following authority and powers:

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- A. To have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges that a corporation organized under the law of the State of Florida may now or hereafter have or exercise.
- B. To do all things necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes of the Corporation as the directors of the Corporation may from time to time deem appropriate that are consistent with powers conferred upon a not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida and the Internal Revenue Code.
- C. To purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property or any interest therein, wherever situated.

#### **ARTICLE IV - LIMITATIONS**

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, 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 III.

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of 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 an organization exempt from Federal and state income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code or the corresponding provision of any future federal tax code, (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (c) by a not for profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes or any successor thereto.

#### **ARTICLE V - REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and address of the initial registered agent and office of the Corporation is: Parvez Ahmed, 12346 Winterpine Court, Jacksonville, FL 32225.

## **ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may, from to time, increase or decrease the number of directors of the Corporation; provided however that the number of directors shall at no time be less than three or more than 15. The method of electing directors shall be as stated in the Corporation's Bylaws. The names of addresses of the initial Board of Directors are as follows:

<u>Director</u>	<u>Address</u>
1. Parvez Ahmed	12346 Winterpine Court, Jacksonville, FL 32225
2. Yildirim Sivar	10785 Orchard Walk PI W, Jacksonville FL 32257
3. Samar Kaukab	6851 S Bennett Ave, Chicago, IL 60649
4. A. J. Durrani	1818 Parklake Vlg., Katy, TX 77450
5. Abdullah Antepi	128 Vintage Dr., Chapel Hill, NC 27516

## **ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS**

Subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, the officers shall administer the affairs of the Corporation as designated in the Bylaws. The names of the officers who shall serve until the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors are:

1. Parvez Ahmed	President
2. Samar Kaukab	Vice President
3. Yildirim Sivar	Treasurer
4. A. J. Durrani	Secretary

Such other officers may be authorized and elected pursuant to the Corporation's Bylaws.

## ARTICLE VIII - BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the first Board of Directors, which Bylaws may be altered, amended, modified or appealed in the manner set forth in the Bylaws.

## ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any of the provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendments hereto. Notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected by the amendment must be given to each director in the same manner as notice for the meeting. Such amendment shall require the assent of a two-thirds majority vote of the directors present.

## ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

The Corporation may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the directors. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the County in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes

## ARTICLE XII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is: Parvez Ahmed, 12346 Winterpine Court, Jacksonville, FL 32225

These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the Incorporator on this 1 day of October, 2016.



Incorporator

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**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, Rumi Institute of Pluralism and Ecumenism, Inc., organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating its registered office/registered agent in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the Corporation is Rumi Institute of Pluralism and Ecumenism, Inc.
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office are Parvez Ahmed, 12346 Winterpine Court, Jacksonville, FL 32225.

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation at the place designated in this certificate, Parvez Ahmed hereby accepts the appointment as registered agent and agrees to act in this capacity. Parvez Ahmed further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of its duties and is familiar with and accepts the obligations of its position as registered agent.

PARVEZ AHMED

By: 

Date: October 4, 2016

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