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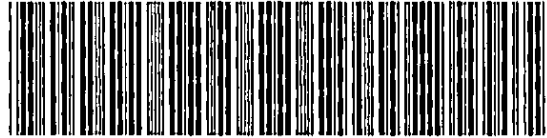
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Belay Samuel

P.O. Box 119 Tampa, FL 33509

TO: Registration Section

Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: Articles of Incorporation of Menagesha Tsigge Ghenet Kidus Georgis Ethiopian
Tewahido Orthodox Church Inc.

August 29, 2017

The enclosed Articles of Incorporation and fee(s) are submitted to register and certify the Church mentioned in the subject line above.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to:

Belay Samuel (Registered Agent)

Menagesha Tsigge Ghenet Kidus Georgis Ethiopian Tewahido Orthodox Church Inc.

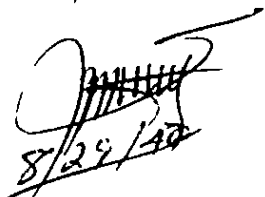
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Please send all email notifications to: belaymsamuel@gmail.com

You may also call Belay Samuel at: 813-506-3115 for further information or to address concerns about this filing or about the Church.

Enclosed is a check for \$87.50

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by the date "8/29/17" written below it.

Articles of Incorporation of:

Menagesha Tsigge Ghenet Kidus Georgis Ethiopian Tewahido Orthodox Church Inc.

Whereas, having agreed to organize ourselves as a religious Corporation, herein below referred to as the "Church", under the laws of the State of Florida for the purpose of practicing and preserving our faith, and to organize ourselves as an assembly of a religious and cultural persons of common interest, faith, culture, identity, and heritage;

Whereas, having a common desire to preserve our religious traditions, culture, and social norms by passing down our faith, culture, and heritage to our children;

Whereas, recognizing our need to come together as persons of common faith, culture, and heritage, during times of hardship, death, bereavement, difficulties of any nature and kind, to observe religious, cultural, and social holidays relevant to our Ethiopian heritage, to rejoice during times of joy, weddings, births, graduation, and events of celebration of any nature and kind, and to summon our collective efforts for charitable activities to support our community and to comfort one another in our common ways in times of sadness and loss;

Whereas, having the desire to teach our children the common written and spoken language of our ancestry and preserve our rich heritage;

Whereas, it is our express desire to exercise our freedom of association and assembly with one another in a common objective of faith and culture to fulfill our common religious, cultural, and social pursuits;

Now therefore, in view of the foregoing and for reason expressed below and through subsequent bylaws and actions of the Church we the residents of Ethiopian heritage living and working in the Tampa Bay area in the State of Florida, being natural persons of Ethiopian heritage do hereby form

a not-for-profit Corporation, the Church, for the purpose of addressing our common objectives of religious, social, and cultural needs, as expressly stated by these Articles of Incorporation.

These Articles of Incorporation are hereby produced and acknowledged by the undersigned, Belay Samuel (2307 Long Green Court Valrico, FL 33596), being the Founding Chairman and the Registered Agent and the Incorporator of the Church, to be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, for the purpose of forming a not-for-profit religious Corporation, the Church, to serve its members in matters of faith, culture, and social significance as an Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church, being known as Menagesha Tsigge Ghenet Kidus Georgis Ethiopian Tewahido Orthodox Church Inc. as follows:

Article I – Short Title

These Articles of Incorporation may be cited as the Articles of Incorporation of Menagesha Tsigge Ghenet Kidus Georgis Ethiopian Tewahido Orthodox Church Inc.

Article II – Name, Business Address, Date of Incorporation, and Domicile

1. The name of the Corporation shall be Menagesha Tsigge Ghenet Kidus Georgis Ethiopian Tewahido Orthodox Church Inc. herein below referred to as the Church.
2. The Church shall be organized as a not-for-profit Corporation as provided by the appropriate State and Federal laws and regulations.
3. The principal business address and place of worship and assembly of the Church shall be: 2707 West Waters Avenue Tampa, FL 33614. The above cited premises shall serve as the physical address of the Church until the Church changes its meeting place or secures a permanent home by any legal means available thereto. The Church may also have branch offices and facilities necessary to conduct its ministerial services in a manner and at a location of its preference. All correspondence to the Church shall be mailed to: P.O. Box 119 Tampa, FL 33509.
4. The effective date of the incorporation and registration of the Church shall coincide with the date of the registration and certification of the Church determined by the appropriate

and duly authorized agency and/or person of the State of Florida and the effective date of the Incorporation and registration shall, therefore, be the same date as the date of the official registration and certification of the Church. The certificate or letter of registration or certification shall be attached to these Articles of Incorporation of the Church.

5. The domicile of the Church shall be the State of Florida.

Article III – Nature And Scope Of The Purpose And Business Of The Church

1. The general nature of the business to be conducted by the Church shall be:
 - A) Organizing a church of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido faith for people of Ethiopian heritage in Tampa Florida and its extended surroundings in order to assemble a cohesive community of faith sharing a common culture, social practices, and religious heritage and to worship as an assembly of believers in the traditions and teachings of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido faith;
 - B) Providing the common platform where its members share religious, cultural, and other related activities significant to their heritage;
 - C) Providing the organizational structure for its members to come together as a community of faith, to worship together as a church of common heritage, and to support one another in times of sorrow and hardship, and to celebrate occasions of joy together;
2. The Church shall, in the interest of its members and its stated purpose now or hereafter specified, and for the general and specific benefit of its members, and the furtherance of its stated purpose, as well as its now and hereafter stated, intended, or anticipated ministerial objectives:
 - A) Engage in relevant and beneficial activities of every kind and class now or hereafter sanction by law, and conduct transactions now or hereafter sanctioned by law to buy, hold, own, improve, operate, lease, convey, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or otherwise acquire, use, and dispose of rights, privileges, obligations, any and all real properties necessary for its stated purpose of providing a place of worship and assembly for its members;

- B) Raise funds necessary for its operations and for providing services through membership contributions, donations, borrowing, or by issuing bonds, debentures, promissory notes as sanctioned by law, or secure loans and mortgage to provide facilities necessary for its stated purposes and objectives;
 - C) Enter into working arrangements of any and all kinds, whether by contract, or otherwise, which such other natural or legal person[s], company[ies], or church[es] as the undersigned, or duly authorized office or officer of the Church may deem convenient or beneficial to the stated purpose of the Church, and conclude partnership or concessions, or cooperate with any natural or legal person[s] or company[ies] conducting or about to pursue, or any lawful business transaction deemed directly or indirectly profitable to the stated purpose of the Church, and carry out any, all, and everything else which in the judgment of its duly authorized office or officer is deemed necessary, convenient or beneficial to the Church in fulfilling the objectives of its stated purpose to the consent and satisfaction of its members.
3. The purposes, transactions, and activities outlined herein, being so specified as the express intention of The Church, shall be in no wise limited or restricted by the reference to or inference from the term[s] of any other clause[s] of these Articles of Incorporation, and shall be construed as independent objects, and as in furtherance of, and not in limitation to, the general powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon not-for-profit Corporations.

Article IV – Objectives Of The Church

The objectives of the Church shall be:

1. Organize its members as a community of common faith;
2. Facilitate the purposes of its members to practice their religious activities and worship in observance of the heritage of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido faith;
3. Preserve the identity of its members as the observers of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido faith;

4. Pass down religious and cultural heritage to the next generation in order to preserve and to perpetuate the history of the faith and practices of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido faith;
5. Train the children of the members in the literary and linguistic capabilities of their Ethiopian heritage;
6. Bring its members together as persons of common faith, culture, and heritage, during times of hardship, death, bereavement, difficulties of any nature and kind, to observe religious, cultural, and social holidays relevant to the Ethiopian heritage, to rejoice during times of joy, weddings, births, graduation, and events of celebration of any nature and kind, and to summon the collective efforts of its members for charitable activities to support the community;
7. Assist its members, their children and families to become productive members of the society in which they live and serve.

Article V – Formation And Capitalization

1. The Church shall be hereby incorporated as: Menagesha Tsigge Ghenet Kidus Georgis Ethiopian Tewahido Orthodox Church Inc. to exist and conduct its stated business in perpetuity as a not-for-profit Corporation in the furtherance of its purposes, transactions, and activities stated in these Articles of Incorporation, and now and hereafter stated otherwise as sanctioned by the laws of the State of Florida, until or unless it is terminated by due and proper legal procedure upon the maturation of terminative condition[s] approved by the two-thirds vote of the General Assembly of the members called into session.
2. The initial working capital of the Church shall be equivalent to the initial member contribution collected for the purpose of formation and capitalization.

Article VI – Organization, Principal Officers, and Registered Agent

1. The church shall be organized as a not-for-profit Corporation and shall conduct its ministerial services for the furtherance of its stated purpose through the offices specified below:

A) The church shall have a General Assembly comprised of the entirety of its members. All powers shall be vested in the General Assembly. All decisions and actions taken by the General Assembly shall be final. The General Assembly may, at its discretion, amend, modify, recall, or alter its decisions and actions. All offices and officers of the church shall be accountable to the General Assembly. The general Assembly shall convene in session once a year and shall have not more than two emergency sessions between the regularly scheduled yearly sessions. The Chairman shall inform the date, time, location, and the agenda of the annual General Assembly session to all members in writing. The administrative board shall also call emergency sessions of the general Assembly upon reaching a unanimous consent by the members of the administrative board upon the maturation of determinative cause for emergency session of the General Assembly. The Chairman shall communicate to each voting member of the General Assembly in writing the Date, time, location, and the agenda of the emergency session at least two weeks before the scheduled emergency session. Each individual member eighteen years of age or older shall have one vote during the General Assembly sessions including emergency sessions. The General Assembly shall draft, deliberate, and approve the bylaws of the church. The bylaws shall outline the general and specific powers, duties, and privileges, of the church, its offices, officers, and members.

B) The church shall be governed by an administrative board of not less than three and not more than seven members. The administrative board shall have a Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and members at large who shall also preside over the General Assembly and serve in both offices concurrently. The Chief Priest or his representative shall have a non-voting seat at the Administrative board meetings. Said priest or his representative shall be excused from the meeting during the segment of the meeting when such meetings are concerned with issues involving said priest or his representative, in order to avoid conflict of interest. Members of the Administrative Board shall be elected by a majority vote of the General Assembly. The duration of the term of service for all elected officers shall be determined by the bylaws of the Church.

- C) The church shall have a full complement of paid and/or volunteer staff of priests and deacons in keeping with the liturgical and other ministerial requirements conducive to the effective operation of its activities. The church shall have the following officers comprising the first Administrative Board. The term of service for these officers shall be the same as set by the bylaws of the Church for all subsequent Administrative Boards.
- D) Mr. Belay Samuel (2307 Long Green Court Valrico, FL 33596) shall be the incorporator, Registered Agent, and the Chairman of the church.
- E) Mr. Abebe Gebre (525 Lantern Circle Temple Terrace, FL 33617) shall be the Secretary of the Church.
- F) Mrs. Azalech Asaye (1903 Shannonwood CT Brandon, FL 33510) shall be the Treasurer of the Church.
- G) Mr. Daniel Tesfamariam (1601 East Poinsettia Avenue Tampa FL 33612) shall be member at large of the Administrative Board of the Church.
- H) Mrs. Wuleta Kebede (10810 Keys Gate Drive Riverview, FL 33579) shall be member at large of the Administrative Board of the church.

Article VII – Decisions and actions

Without prejudice to any and all established internal administrative and management procedures or operations of the Church as specified by the bylaws of the church, and, without prejudice to the liturgical and ministerial prerogatives of the priests and deacons:

1. the Chairman and the Administrative Board shall conduct the business of the Church during the period when the General Assembly is not in session.
2. All documents and records including minutes of all of the meetings of the administrative board and the General Assembly, and copies of all transactions shall be maintained and preserved by the office of the Secretary.
3. Copies of all financial records shall be held by the Treasurer.

Article VIII – Indemnification

The Church shall hold harmless and indemnify all officers—paid or volunteer—and members who are in active service or who have served as officer, director, employee or agent of the Church, or, volunteers while they are rendering service on behalf of the Church or assuming responsibility that are of necessity part of the service for which each officer, member, agent, or volunteer is acting on behalf of the Church, unless premeditative, conspiratorial, and disruptive conduct is satisfactorily proven before a General Assembly session, for Activities, duties, and responsibilities during a specified term of service and/or representation of the Church, without prejudice to conditions and situations for which such person is not entitled to be indemnified, in the manner and to the full extent permitted by the Florida Statutes, subject to the limitations on and conditions of such indemnification set forth therein, which indemnification shall not affect any other rights to which such persons may be entitled.

Article IX – Dissolution

Upon the maturation of determinative conditions for the dissolution of the Church, having said conditions affirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of the active voting members at the time of the maturation of said conditions, the Church shall, upon the confirmation of said terminative condition[s] by the four-fifth vote of the members of the general Assembly present and in attendance at the time of such terminative condition[s] of the General Assembly, cease to exist as the Church organized under these Articles of Incorporation and have its assets distributed to other legally organized not-for-profit Corporations with comparable purposes and objectives. Such distribution shall be conducted after the Church pays off all liabilities and settles all obligations. No officer or member shall directly or indirectly benefit from said distribution.

Article X – Amendments And Enforcement

1. The Church shall, upon the decision approved by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly, amend, alter, or modify, any provision[s] of these Articles of Incorporation. All un-amended or un-modified provisions of these Articles of Incorporation shall remain in force.

2. These Articles of Incorporation shall enter into force as of the effective date of the certification and registration of these Articles of Incorporation by the duly authorized office of the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I Belay Samuel (2307 Long Green Court Valrico, FL 33596) have hereunto set my hands and seals this Twenty-ninth day of the month of August, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Name: Belay Samuel 08/29/27

Chairman: [Signature]



CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

Having been named Registered Agent to accept service of process for Menagesha Tsigge Ghenet Kidus Georgis Ethiopian Tewahido Orthodox Church Inc., at the place designated in its Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept the appointment as Registered Agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as Registered Agent as provided for in Chapter 608, F.S.

Furthermore, in accordance with section 608.408(3), Florida Statutes, the execution of this document constitutes an affirmation under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.)



Belay Samuel Date: 08/29/17

Registered Agent

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