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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 32 of 1977**

[L.S.]

**AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of the Christian  
Council of Trinidad and Tobago.**

*[Assented to 28th July, 1977]*

**WHEREAS** there has been established in Trinidad and Tobago a religious association known as "The Christian Council of Trinidad and Tobago". Preamble

And whereas it is expedient that the said association should be incorporated for the purpose of exercising the powers hereinafter set forth.

Enactment	BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:
Short Title	1. This Act may be cited as the Christian Council of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act, 1977.
Incorporation of Christian Council	2. The said Association is hereby created a body corporate and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and may sue and be sued in the courts of justice in Trinidad and Tobago by that name, and shall have and use a common seal which may from time to time be changed in accordance with the rules of the said body corporate.
Aims and objects of the Christian Council	3. The aims and objects of the Christian Council of Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter called "the Christian Council") are <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) to promote greater understanding and unity among all christian communities in Trinidad and Tobago;</li><li>(b) to bear witness to a common profession of faith in God and in Jesus Christ and to truth, charity, equity and justice in Trinidad and Tobago;</li><li>(c) to preserve and protect the rights, powers, privileges and interests of member-denominations of the Christian Council, within the framework of the laws of Trinidad and Tobago;</li><li>(d) to arrange for the holding of ecumenical services, rallies or other ecumenical meetings and to organize theological, historical or other studies in order to encourage and to promote effectively a better christian way of life in the community;</li><li>(e) to collaborate and co-operate with all religious organisations in the community with the object of bringing about the spiritual, moral, intellectual, social, cultural, economic and technical progress of the people of Trinidad and Tobago, to the glory of God and the dignity of man;</li><li>(f) to publish journals or such other publications as the Christian Council may consider necessary;</li></ol>

- (g) to preserve, if necessary in conjunction with any religious or secular bodies or organisations proper standards of christian conduct and behaviour in Trinidad and Tobago.

4. (1) Subject to this Act and to the rules made thereunder the Christian Council shall have the powers specified in subsection (2) and such other powers appropriate to its aims and objects as may be specified in its rules.

(2) The Christian Council shall have power

- (a) to acquire by purchase, exchange, gift, bequest, devise or otherwise all messuages, lands, tenancies, hereditaments of any tenure and also all moneys, securities for money, goods and chattels whatsoever, and may hold and enjoy the same;
- (b) to lend money and to accept and hold securities for the same for charitable and provident purposes and to give discharges and releases of the same;
- (c) to accept generally surrenders and reconveyances and to enter into contracts;
- (d) to sell, demise, grant, convey, transfer, mortgage, reconvey, surrender, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or any property from time to time vested in it.

5. All deeds, documents or other instruments requiring the seal of the Christian Council shall be sealed with its common seal in the presence of the President or Vice-President, the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Christian Council for the time being in office who shall sign every such deed, document or other instrument to which the common seal is affixed and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly and properly affixed and is the lawful seal of the Christian Council.

Mode of  
execution of  
documents

Service of  
documents  
on the  
Christian  
Council

6. (1) The Christian Council shall at all times have a permanent address in Trinidad and Tobago for service of documents on the Christian Council and such address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General. All documents to be served on the Christian Council may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post to the address so registered.

(2) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is an offence and renders the Christian Council liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars and to a further fine of ten dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

Rules of the  
Christian  
Council

7. The Christian Council may make rules for the purpose of the conduct of its proceedings and the discharge of its duties, powers and functions with power to vary or revoke such rules from time to time as it may think fit.

The State  
of Trinidad  
and Tobago

8. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any other persons, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Passed in the Senate this 31st day of May, 1977.

E. WILLIAMS  
*Acting Clerk of the Senate*

Passed in the House of Representatives this 24th day of June, 1977.

R. L. GRIFFITH  
*Acting Clerk of the House*