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and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 38 of 1977

[L.S.]

AN ACT to provide for the Incorporation of the Caribbean Conference of Churches.

[Assented to 20th September, 1977]

WHEREAS nineteen caribbean churches, by common consent did establish in November, 1973, an ecumenical organisation called "The Caribbean Conference of Churches" to promote unity among the Churches, renewal of faith and witness and the development of the Caribbean peoples. Preamble

And whereas it is expedient that the said Caribbean Conference of Churches 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 Caribbean Conference of Churches (Incorporation) Act, 1977.

Incorporation

2. The Caribbean Conference of Churches 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 Caribbean Conference of Churches.

**Aims and objects
of the Caribbean
Conference of
Churches**

3. The aims and objects of the Caribbean Conference of Churches are:—

- (a) to serve the churches of the Caribbean in the cause of unity, renewal and joint action;
- (b) to encourage consultation and promote unity among christian councils of churches operating locally and in the caribbean;
- (c) to provide and stimulate programmes to help member churches, operating locally and in the Caribbean, understand the christian faith in terms of their culture, experience and needs;
- (d) to provide a service to enable information, insights and resources to be shared by member Churches and christian councils of churches, operating locally as well as in the Caribbean;
- (e) without prejudice to its autonomy, to collaborate and co-ordinate with national, regional and international bodies in such ways as may be mutually agreed.

4. (1) Subject to all laws (including this Act) and the rules of the Caribbean Conference of Churches from time to time in force, the Caribbean Conference of Churches shall have and exercise the powers specified in subsection (2) and such other powers as are appropriate to its aims and objects as may from time to time be specified in the rules.

(2) The Caribbean Conference of Churches 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 monies, 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, real and personal, from time to time vested in it.

5. All deeds, documents or other instruments requiring the seal of the Caribbean Conference of Churches shall be sealed with its common seal in the presence of one of its three Presidents and the General Secretary of the Caribbean Conference of Churches for the time being in office who shall sign every such deed, document or other instruments 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 Caribbean Conference of Churches.

Mode of execution
of documents

6. (1) The Caribbean Conference of Churches shall at all times have a permanent address in Trinidad and Tobago for service of documents on the Caribbean Conference of Churches and such address and any

Service of documents on the Caribbean Conference of Churches

change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General. All documents to be served on the Caribbean Conference of Churches 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 Caribbean Conference of Churches 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 thereof.

Rules of the
Caribbean Con-
ference of
Churches

7. The Caribbean Conference of Churches may make rules for the purpose of conducting its proceedings and discharging its duties, powers and functions, with power to vary or revoke such rules from time to time.

Saving of State
or other rights

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 21st day of June, 1977

E. WILLIAMS
Acting Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 15th day of July, 1977.

R. GRIFFITH
Acting Clerk of the House