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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
**Act No. 47 of 1975**

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AN ACT for the Incorporation of Valley Baptist Church.

[Assented to 2nd October, 1975]

WHEREAS there has been for many years established in Preamble Trinidad and Tobago a religious body known as "Valley Baptist Church" (hereinafter called "the Church").

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

Enactment	BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—
Short title	1. This Act may be cited as Valley Baptist Church (Incorporation) Act, 1975.
Incorporation of the Church	2. The Church shall be, and is hereby created a body corporate.
Aims and Objects	<p>3. The aims and objects of the Church are:—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) to disseminate, teach and spread the Word and Works of God;</li> <li>(b) to encourage citizens of Trinidad and Tobago to join the Religious Order;</li> <li>(c) to interest and promote a spirit or understanding among the different religions in Trinidad and Tobago;</li> <li>(d) to develop the social relations of the members of the community;</li> <li>(e) to assist the needy and visit and comfort the ailing;</li> <li>(f) to foster and encourage children of the district to attend religious classes and/or services;</li> <li>(g) to grant relief, by means of pecuniary or other assistance, to members;</li> <li>(h) to maintain and educate children of persons who are members but who from poverty or physical or mental infirmity are unable to provide for their families;</li> <li>(i) to establish, conduct and carry on at any place or places within Trinidad and Tobago night shelters and other refuges for the poor and generally to promote the welfare of the poor and the relief of distress by social and spiritual agencies.</li> </ul>
Powers of the Church	4. (1) Subject to the laws of Trinidad and Tobago (including this Act) and to the rules of the Church from time to time in force, the Church shall have the powers

hereinafter set forth in this section and such other powers as are appropriate to its aims and objects as are from time to time specified in such rules.

(2) Subject as aforesaid the Church 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 accept surrenders and reconveyances and to enter into contracts;
- (c) subject to any restraints, reservation or condition contained in the document under which it acquired title thereto, 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 instrument requiring the seal of the Church shall be sealed with its common seal in the presence of two of the Trustees of the Church and its Executive Secretary 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 Church.

Mode of  
execution of  
documents

6. (1) The Church shall at all times have a permanent address in Trinidad and Tobago for service of documents on the Church and such address and any changes thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the date of incorporation or the change of address as the case may be. All documents to be served on the Church may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post to, the address so registered.

Service of  
documents on  
the Church

(2) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Church

liable 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 Church

7. The Church may make rules for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions with power to vary or revoke such rules.

Saving of  
Crown or  
other rights

8. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any other person, 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 24th day of June, 1975.

R. GRIFFITH  
*Clerk of the Senate*

Passed in the House of Representatives this 19th day of September, 1975.

J. E. CARTER  
*Clerk of the House*