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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
Act No. 29 of 1975

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the Incorporation of a Body to be known as
The Incorporated Trustees of the African Methodist
Episcopal Zion Church.

[Assented to 20th September, 1975]

WHEREAS there has been established in the Territory a Preamble
religious association known as The African Methodist
Episcopal Zion Church (hereinafter called "the said Church")
which is representative of the members of the African
Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Trinidad and Tobago.

And whereas Bishop Herbert Bellshaw, Reverend Edward Pierre, Olga Pierre, Evangelist George Jordan and Luces Metivier have been appointed Trustees of the said Church by the Church Council of the said Church.

And whereas the said Trustees so appointed have been requested and they have agreed to accept the office as such in Trinidad and Tobago, and to hold property for any of the uses or purposes of the said Church.

And whereas it is expedient that the Trustees for the time being of the said Church should be incorporated and should have powers to hold lands, and other property in trust for the said Church.

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 the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Incorporation Act, 1975.

Incorporation 2. Bishop Herbert Bellshaw, the Reverend Edward Pierre, Olga Pierre, Evangelist George Jordan and Luces Metivier and the successors in office as Trustees of the said Church shall be, and are hereby created a body corporate by the name of "The Incorporated Trustees of The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Trinidad and Tobago" (hereinafter called "the Trustees") and by this name shall have perpetual succession and also by that name may sue and be sued, and shall have a common seal with power to change such seal.

Transfer of property to Trustees 3. (1) All churches, chapels, mission houses, rectories, vicarages, parsonages, glebes, buildings, and lands now vested in any person and appropriated to the uses of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Trinidad and Tobago are hereby transferred to and vested in the Trustees.

(2) All the rights, privileges and advantages, and all the liabilities and obligations relating to the matters referred to in subsection (1) that immediately before the commencement of this Act any person was entitled or subject to as a trustee of the said church, are hereby transferred and conferred or imposed upon the Trustees.

4. Subject to the rules, regulations and control of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Trinidad and Tobago in its African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Book of Discipline the Trustees shall have full power to acquire for the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church by gift, grant, purchase, devise or otherwise any lands, buildings, messuages and hereditaments of what nature or kind soever in perpetuity or for life or lives or for a term of years, and also any moneys, goods and chattels, and subject to such rules, regulations and control aforesaid, and to the performance of any trust upon which the said lands, buildings, messuages, hereditaments, moneys, goods and chattels may have been acquired, to take, hold and enjoy the same.

Powers of
the Trustees to
acquire property

5. Subject to the rules, regulations and control aforesaid and to the performance of any such trusts as aforesaid, and except as hereinafter provided, the Trustees may sell, demise, grant, convey, transfer, alienate or otherwise dispose of any property by this Act vested in them or which may hereafter be acquired by or become vested in them.

Power of Trustees
to sell property

6. All Documents requiring the seal of the Trustees shall be sealed with the Common Seal of the Trustees who shall sign every such document, and such signing shall remain *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly affixed and that it is the lawful seal of the Trustees.

Mode of execution
of documents

7. (1) The Trustees shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Trustees and such address and any change 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.

Service of
documents on
the Trustees

(2) Any document may be served on the Trustees by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post to, the address as registered under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Trustees 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.

Saving of
Crown and
other rights

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

Passed in the House of Representatives this 18th day of July, 1975.

J. E. CARTER
Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 12th day of August, 1975.

R. GRIFFITH
Clerk of the Senate