
Second Session Third Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 23 of 1988

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the incorporation of the Mennonite Church
of Trinidad and Tobago and for matters incidental
thereto.

[Assented to 9th August, 1988]

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and Tobago a religious organisation known as the Mennonite Church of Trinidad and Tobago: Preamble

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

Enactment	ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows—
Short title	1. This Act may be cited as The Mennonite Church (Incorporation) Act, 1988.
Incorporation	2. The Mennonite Church of Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter referred to as “the Church”) is hereby created a body corporate.
Aims and objects	3. The aims and objects of the Church are as follows— <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) to give Holy Scriptures a rightful place in instructing persons to live and serve the God of the Universe;(b) to have a Church with a voluntary membership as a group of regenerated believers living for Jesus Christ in daily life;(c) to do acts of service and love to our fellowman and refrain from practices that bring moral decay or personal harm and injustice;(d) to propagate and disseminate the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the preaching, teaching and living of that message and to invite persons to have a personal relationship with God regardless of race or colour;(e) to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.
Powers of the Church	4. The Church shall have power— <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) to acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, demise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or howsoever otherwise, any real or personal property of any estate or interest therein;(b) to accept surrenders or reconveyances and to enter into contracts;

(c) to sell, exchange, demise, mortgage or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property which may for the time being be vested in it, subject to any restraint, reservation or condition contained in the documents under which it has acquired title.

5. All real or personal property of whatever nature now held by or vested in any person for the use and benefit of the Church, is hereby transferred to and vested in the Church.

Transfer and
vesting of
property

6. All documents requiring the seal of the Church shall be sealed with the Common Seal of the Church in the presence of two trustees of the Church who shall sign every such document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Church.

Mode of execution
of documents

7. (1) The Church shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on it and that 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 Church

(2) Every document may be served on the Church by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post to, the registered address of the Church.

(3) 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.

8. (1) The governing body of the Church shall be the General Church Council which shall consist of such persons as are provided by the Constitution of the Church.

Governing body

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the General Church Council may exercise all powers of management of the affairs of the Church and may from time to time make rules and regulations for the proper conduct of the proceedings and the discharge of the duties, powers and functions of the Church with power to vary or revoke such rules and regulations.

Saving of State
and other rights

9. 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 persons, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 1st day of July, 1988.

J. E. CARTER
Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 26th day of July, 1988.

Z. SEEREERAM
Acting Clerk of the Senate