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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
Act No. 26 of 1970

[L.S.]

AN ACT to provide for the Incorporation of a Body to be known as the Incorporated Conference Board of Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Trinidad and Tobago.

[Assented to 28th July, 1970]

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and Tobago a religious association known as the African Methodist Episcopal Church (hereinafter called "the A.M.E. Church") which is representative of the members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Trinidad and Tobago: Preamble

And whereas Reverend John Wesley Weeks, Reverend Flemming Emmanuel Joseph, Reverend Rita Birkett, Mildred Lashley and Carmen Edwards have been elected Conference Board of Trustees by the said African Methodist Episcopal Church:

And whereas the said Conference Board of Trustees so elected have been requested and they have agreed to accept the office as such Conference Board of Trustees to represent the said African Methodist Episcopal Church in Trinidad and Tobago and to hold property for any of the uses or purposes of the said A.M.E. Church:

And whereas it is expedient that the Conference Board of Trustees for the time being of the said African Methodist Episcopal Church should be incorporated and should have Powers to hold lands and other property in trust for the said A.M.E. Church.

Enactment

BE IT THEREFORE 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 Church Incorporation Act, 1970".

Incorporation
of Conference
Board of
Trustees.

2. Reverend John Wesley Weeks, Reverend Flemming Emmanuel Joseph, Reverend Rita Birkett, Mildred Lashley and Carmen Edwards and their successors in office as Conference Board of Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Trinidad and Tobago shall be and are hereby created a body incorporate by the name of "The Incorporated Conference Board of Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Trinidad and Tobago" (hereinafter called "the Conference Board of Trustees") and by that 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.

Vesting of
property.

3. 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 Church in Trinidad and Tobago are hereby transferred to and vested in the Conference Board of Trustees.

4. Subject to the rules, regulations and control of the A.M.E. Church in Trinidad and Tobago, in its A.M.E. Book of Discipline the Conference Board of Trustees shall have full power to acquire for the African Methodist Episcopal 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.

Conference Board of Trustees may 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 Conference Board of 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.

Conference Board of Trustees may dispose of property.

6. All documents requiring the seal of the Conference Board of Trustees shall be sealed with the Common Seal of the Conference Board of Trustees in the presence of two of the Conference Board of 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 Conference Board of Trustees.

Mode of execution of documents.

7. (1) The Conference Board of Trustees shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Conference Board of Trustees and such address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General.

Service of documents on Conference Board of Trustees.

(2) Any document may be served on the Conference Board of 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.

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.

Saving of Crown and other rights.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 12th day of
June, 1970.

G. R. LATOUR
Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 30th day of June, 1970.

J. E. CARTER
Clerk of the Senate