



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
**Act No. 6 of 1971**

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AN ACT for the Incorporation of a body to be known as  
"The National Ecclesiastical Council of Spiritual  
Baptist Churches of Trinidad and Tobago".

[Assented to 15th April, 1971]

WHEREAS there is incorporated in Trinidad and Tobago <sup>Preamble</sup>  
a Body known as "The Independent Spiritual Baptist  
Assembly" under and by virtue of Ordinance No. 16 of  
1960 which body consists of Elders, and Ministers of a  
number of Spiritual Baptist Churches in Trinidad and  
Tobago.

And whereas there has been in operation for a number of years a Supreme Council known as the "Administrative Board of Spiritual Baptist Churches", comprising of Elders and Ministers from the said Independent Spiritual Baptist Assembly, The Tobago Chapter of Spiritual Baptist Churches, The Spiritual Baptist Mothers Unions Branches and lay representatives of their several Congregations.

And whereas the religious beliefs and practices of these Congregations are identical with one another.

And whereas the congregations comprising "The Administrative Board" acting in the best interest of Spiritual Baptists have merged into one body and agreed that such body shall henceforth be known as "The National Ecclesiastical Council of Spiritual Baptist Churches of Trinidad and Tobago".

And whereas the Reverend Bury Oswald Taylor of Los Bajos, by virtue of his office of Superintendent of the said National Council of Spiritual Baptist Churches of Trinidad and Tobago, and Austin A. Branch of 33, Bengal Street, Port-of-Spain, Alexander Terrel of Pepper Village, Fyzabad and Bismark Phillip of Quarry Village, Erin Road have been appointed Trustees of the said National Ecclesiastical Council of Spiritual Baptist Churches of Trinidad and Tobago.

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 Churches in Trinidad and Tobago.

And whereas it is expedient that the Trustees for the time being of the said National Ecclesiastical Council of Spiritual Baptist Churches of Trinidad and Tobago, should be incorporated and should have powers to hold lands, and other property in trust for the said National Ecclesiastical Council of Spiritual Baptist Churches of Trinidad and Tobago.

**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:—

1. This Act may be cited as The National Ecclesiastical Council of Spiritual Baptist Churches of Trinidad and Tobago, (Incorporation) Act, 1971. Short title

2. The Reverend Pastor Bury Oswald Taylor, Austin A. Branch, Alexander Jerrel and Bismark Phillip trustees, and their successors in office as trustees shall be and are hereby created a body corporate by the name of the National Ecclesiastical Council of Spiritual Baptist Churches of Trinidad and Tobago, (henceforth called "The Trustees") and by that name, shall have perpetual succession, and also by that name shall sue and be sued, and shall have a common seal with power to change such seal. Incorporation of Trustee

3. All churches, chapels, mission houses, vicarages, lands and buildings formerly belonging to the Independent Spiritual Baptist Assembly, be vested in the said Trustees of the said National Ecclesiastical Council of Spiritual Baptist Churches of Trinidad and Tobago and appropriated to the uses of the National Ecclesiastical Council of Spiritual Baptist Churches of Trinidad and Tobago, and the same are hereby transferred to and vested in the Trustees of the National Ecclesiastical Council of Spiritual Baptist Churches of Trinidad and Tobago. Transfer to and vesting of land in Trustees

4. Subject to the rules and regulations, and control of the National Ecclesiastical Council of Spiritual Baptist Churches of Trinidad and Tobago, trustees may acquire by gift, grant, purchase, demise, or otherwise any lands, buildings, messuages, and hereditaments, of what nature or kind so ever in perpetuity or for the 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 trusts upon which the said lands, buildings, messuages, hereditaments, moneys, goods and chattels may have been acquired to take hold and enjoy the same. Power to acquire Real and Personal 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 Power to dispose of Real and Personal Property

dispose of any property by this Act vested in them or which may be hereafter acquired by or become vested in them.

6. All documents requiring the Seal of the National Ecclesiastical Council of Spiritual Baptist Churches of Trinidad and Tobago shall be sealed with the common seal in the presence of the Superintendent or if the Superintendent is not available, the most senior Minister or some other minister appointed by the Council for the purpose and one other member of the Council who shall both sign any 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 National Ecclesiastical Council of Spiritual Baptist Churches of Trinidad and Tobago.

7. The National Ecclesiastical Council of Spiritual Baptist Churches of Trinidad and Tobago shall at all times have a fixed address for the service of documents on the Council and such address shall be registered with the Registrar General. Any documents may be served on the Council by leaving the same at, or sending the same by registered post to, the address so registered.

8. The Independent Spiritual Baptist Assembly (Incorporation) Ordinance 1960 is repealed.

9. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of Her Majesty, 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 House of Representatives this 5th day of February, 1971.

G. R. LATOUR  
*Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 16th day of March, 1971.

J. E. CARTER  
*Clerk of the Senate*