
First Session Second Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 21 of 1982

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the Incorporation of the Trustees of the International Spiritual Baptist Ministerial Council of Trinidad and Tobago, which is a representative body of the Spiritual Baptists in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

[Assented to 7th September, 1982]

WHEREAS there has been from 1966 in Trinidad and Tobago, a Religious Association known as the International Spiritual Baptist Ministerial Council of

Preamble

Trinidad and Tobago, (hereinafter called "The Council") administering the needs of the member churches in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

And whereas the trustees have agreed to accept office as such trustees, to represent the council in Trinidad and Tobago, and to hold property for any of the uses or purposes of the council in Trinidad and Tobago.

And whereas it is expedient that the trustees be incorporated.

Enactment

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the International Spiritual Baptist Ministerial Council of Trinidad and Tobago (Trustees Incorporation) Act, 1982.

Incorporation

2. The trustees of the Council are hereby created a body corporate.

Aims and Objects

3. The aims and objects are:—

- (a) to cultivate among its members respect and love for all mankind, and to God the Father and his Son the Lord Jesus Christ;
- (b) to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through commissioning Ministers and Evangelists; organising Educational and Philanthropic Institutions; distributing the scriptures; issuing religious publications, and through all such methods and media as the executives shall approve;
- (c) to encourage united action on questions affecting the welfare of the churches and educational and social issues;
- (d) to extend the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, both at home and abroad;
- (e) to promote fraternal relations between Spiritual Baptists in this and other territories;

- (f) to set up a high moral standard and code of conduct for the encouragement of the spiritual development of its members and other affiliated persons, and in vocations in the ministry of the council;
- (g) to confer and co-operate with other religious bodies and communities as occasions may require;
- (h) to ordain duly qualified persons in the Ministry of Jesus Christ, and to participate in the welfare and charitable work in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

4. The doctrinal basis of the council are:—

Doctrinal Basis

- (a) that the Lord Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh, and is the sole and absolute authority as revealed in the Holy Bible, in all matters pertaining to faith and practice, and that the church has liberty under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to interpret and to seek to fulfil his will;
- (b) that the Christian Baptism according to the New Testament is the immersion into water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit;
- (c) that the council does not recognize any form of drum-beating, blood offering and animal sacrifice, as its doctrine; and
- (d) that the only book that shall be used in preaching, teaching and ceremonial services, is the Holy Bible.

5. All churches, chapels, mission houses, rectories, vicarages, personages, glebes, buildings and lands now vested in any person and appropriated to the uses of the council in Trinidad and Tobago, are hereby transferred to and vested in the trustees.

Vesting of
Property

Power to make
Rules

6. The trustees may make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper conduct of its proceedings, and for the discharge of its powers and duties.

Power of the
Council

7. (a) Subject to the Rules, Regulations and Control of the Council in Trinidad and Tobago, the trustees shall have full power to acquire for the council in Trinidad and Tobago by gift, grant, purchase, devise, or otherwise, any lands, buildings, messuages, and hereditaments of whatsoever kind in perpetuity or for a life or lives, or for a term of years, and also any monies, goods and chattels, and to hold and enjoy same;

(b) Subject to the rules, regulation and control of the Council trustees may sell, demise, 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 to borrow
money and give
mortgages etc.

8. The trustees may, subject to the rules, regulations and control of the council, from time to time:—

(a) borrow monies and for the repayment of same by deed under seal, to give and execute mortgages, charges, pledges or other securities of their real or personal properties, or to make any such arrangements as they may consider expedient with such covenants, powers and provisions as they may think proper; and

(b) to advance money or the security of any freehold or leasehold property, to accept surrenders, and reconveyances and to enter into contracts.

Mode of Execution
of Documents

9. All documents requiring the seal of the trustees, shall be sealed with the common seal of the trustees, in the presence of two trustees, who shall sign every such document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly affixed, and that it is the lawful seal of the trustees.

10. (1) The trustees shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the trustees and the address or any changes thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within 28 days of the date of incorporation or the change of address.

Service of
Documents on
Trustees

(2) Failure to register the address or any change of address is a summary offence.

(3) Any document may be served on the trustees by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post to, the registered address.

11. Nothing in this Act affects or is deemed to affect the rights of the State 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.

Saving of State
or other Rights

Passed in the House of Representatives this 2nd day of July, 1982.

J. E. CARTER
Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 13th day of July, 1982.

E. WILLIAMS
Acting Clerk of the Senate