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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 2 of 1994

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the Incorporation of the Mount Bethel
National Spiritual Baptist Assembly of Trinidad
and Tobago and matters incidental thereto.

[Assented to 27th April, 1994]

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and Preamble
Tobago an Organisation known as the Mount Bethel

National Spiritual Baptist Assembly of Trinidad and Tobago:

And whereas it is expedient that the Mount Bethel National Spiritual Baptist Assembly of Trinidad and Tobago be incorporated for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

- Enactment** ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—
- Short title** 1. This Act may be cited as the Mount Bethel National Spiritual Baptist Assembly of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act, 1994.
- Incorporation** 2. The Mount Bethel National Spiritual Baptist Assembly of Trinidad and Tobago, (hereinafter called “the Organisation”) is hereby created a body corporate.
- Aims and objects** 3. The aims and objects of the Organisation are—
- (a) to organise and carry on an orderly religious doctrine and the religious teachings and beliefs of the Spiritual Baptist;
 - (b) to declare after mutual understanding and agreement the principles and doctrines of the Organisation and to observe and exercise the said doctrines constitutionally and universally in accordance with the Old and New Testament teachings of the Holy Scripture and Inspiration;
 - (c) to propogate christianity;
 - (d) to establish educational and social facilities for its members and the wider community and to build churches, schools and maintain such other facilities as may be required from time to time;
 - (e) to officiate or administer to the following spiritual needs:

- (i) baptism by emersion;
- (ii) offering or dedication of infants;
- (iii) Holy Communion;
- (iv) praying and fasting or mourning;
- (v) Holy Matrimony;
- (vi) Thanksgiving prayers and Harvest Festival;
- (vii) burial of the dead;
- (viii) evangelical work.

4. The Organisation shall have power—

Powers of the
Organisation

- (a) to acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, 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 document under which it have acquired title.

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

Transfer and vesting
of property

6. All documents requiring the seal of the Organisation shall be sealed with the common seal of the Organisation in the presence of the President and Secretary for the time being in office (or in the event of

Mode of execution of
document

incapacity or absence from the territory, in the presence of some other person or persons authorised for that purpose by the Organisation) who shall both 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 Organisation.

Service of documents

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

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

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

Power to
make rules

8. The Organisation may from time to time make rules for proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions and such rules may be amended from time to time.

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.

