
**Fourth Session Second Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago**



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 27 of 1985

[L.S.]

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of a body to
be known as the National Congress of Incorporated
Baptist Organisations.

[Assented to 23rd July, 1985]

WHEREAS there are incorporated in Trinidad and Preamble
Tobago the following Baptist Organisations, namely:

- (1) The West Indian United Spiritual Baptist
Sacred Order;

- (2) The National Ecclesiastical Council of Spiritual Baptist Churches of Trinidad and Tobago;
- (3) The Triune Shouters Baptist Limited.

And whereas these Organisations represent Baptists and have been representing and administering to the needs and requirements of their various congregations comprising Archbishops, Bishops, Reverends, Deacons, Deaconesses, Elders, Pastors and Ministers and Lay Representatives.

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

And whereas these Organisations have considered it necessary in the best interest of Baptists in Trinidad and Tobago to form a National Congress of Incorporated Baptist Organisations for the better management and administration of Baptists in Trinidad and Tobago.

And whereas it is expedient that the National Congress of Incorporated Baptist Organisations be incorporated.

Enactment

BE IT ENACTED as follows:—

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the National Congress of Baptist Organisations (Incorporation) Act, 1985.

Incorporated

2. There is established a body corporate called the National Congress of Incorporated Baptist Organisations in Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter referred to as "the Organisation").

3. The objects of the Organisation are—

- (a) to provide proper collective representation for all Baptists;
- (b) to promote better denominational relations with all other religious organisations in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago;
- (c) to promote the spreading of gospel, the advancement of missionary, ecclesiastical, evangelical and cultural work;

- (d) to teach, preach and distribute Bible Literature to schools, camps, trade centres and other institutions and also to gospel crusade meetings from place to place;
 - (e) to establish a printery and/or cause materials to be printed for the purpose of publishing, selling, donating and otherwise distributing the Bible and Christian Literature;
 - (f) to establish an International Headquarters for the promotion of "The Gospel of Jesus Christ" in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the West Indies and around the world;
 - (g) to open and operate Theological Colleges, Schools, Camps, Training Centres, or other institutions in so far as these will help to fulfil the vision and aspirations of the Organisation;
 - (h) to procure radio and television time, to broadcast the Gospel of Jesus Christ in pursuit of the goals of the Organisation;
 - (i) to assist the religious bodies of the Organisation and other religious bodies engaged in similar teachings and Articles of Faith;
 - (j) to accept collections, offerings, donations, bequests and any other forms of contributions, borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Organisation on such terms and on such security as may be thought fit and to hold and disburse such funds;
 - (k) to obtain all power and authority necessary to carry out or extend any of the above objects;
 - (l) to do all such things as are incidental or conclusive to the attainment of the above objects.
-

Power to
make rules

4. The Organisation 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 and in particular, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, make rules providing for—

- (a) collective national and international representation for Baptists;
- (b) the qualification election and functions of the members of the Organisation;
- (c) the appointment and duties of the officers of the Organisation.

Common Seal

5. 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 the General Secretary for the time being in office who shall both sign every such document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly affixed and that is the lawful seal of the Organisation.

Registered
address

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

(2) Any document may be served on the Organisation by leaving the same at or by sending the same by registered post to, the address as registered under subsection (1).

(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 therefor.

Management

7. The affairs of the Organisation shall be managed by trustees appointed by the Organisation.

Saving of
State and
other rights

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

Passed in the Senate this 4th day of June, 1985.

R. L. GRIFFITH
Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 28th day
of June, 1985.

J. E. CARTER
Clerk of the House