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



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 31 of 1985

[L.S.]

**AN ACT for the Incorporation of the Early Church
Movement**

[Assented to 11th October, 1985]

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and ^{Preamble}
Tobago a religious body known as the Early Church
Movement hereinafter referred to as "the Church": ^{Ch. 31, No. 1}

And whereas it is expedient that the Church be
incorporated.

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Enactment	BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—
Short title	1. This Act may be cited as the Early Church Movement Act, 1985.
Incorporation	2. The Early Church Movement (hereinafter referred to as “the Church”) is hereby created a body corporate.
Aims and objects	3. The aims and objects of the Church are— <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) to propagate and disseminate the gospel of Jesus Christ locally and abroad by preaching, teaching and personal evangelism;(b) to establish and maintain local Church congregations to edify and minister to believers;(c) to assemble in worship of Almighty God for mutual edification and fellowship in Christ Jesus;(d) to ordain and grant credentials or licences to preach to those called of God and qualified according to the Holy Scriptures, such as Ministers, Elders and Deacons;(e) to build, organize and operate schools for religious and secular education and instruction;(f) to publish, sell and distribute Christian literature;(g) to organize and conduct religious services;(h) to participate in charitable and philanthropic activities;(i) to disseminate religious and secular knowledge by means of radio and television;(j) to purchase, acquire by way of gift or otherwise, sell, mortgage, lease and exchange and otherwise acquire or dispose of any real or personal property.

4. For the furtherance of the objects of the Church specified in section 3, the Church has power to receive, request, and collect monies, subscriptions and real or personal property by way of gift or otherwise.

Powers of
the Church

5. The land, buildings, and other property of whatsoever nature now vested in the trustees of the Church are hereby transferred to and vested in the Church.

Vesting of
property

6. All documents or other instruments requiring the Seal of the Church shall be sealed with the common seal of the Church in the presence of two of the said Trustees who shall sign every such document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said Seal was duly affixed and the same is the lawful Seal of the Church.

Mode of
execution of
documents

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

Service of
documents

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

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

8. The Church may make rules for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its functions and any such rules may be varied or revoked by the Church.

Power to make
rules

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 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 28th day of June, 1985.

R. L. GRIFFITH
Acting Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 17th day of September, 1985.

M. CARRINGTON
Acting Clerk of the Senate