
**Fifth Session Third Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago**



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 15 of 1991

[L.S.]

**AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of the Mount Zion
Independent Spiritual Baptist Church**

[Assented to 20th August, 1991]

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and **Preamble**
Tobago a Church known as the Mount Zion Independent
Spiritual Baptist Church;

And whereas it is expedient that the Mount Zion Independent Spiritual Baptist Church be incorporated for the purpose of exercising the powers 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 Zion Independent Spiritual Baptist Church (Incorporation) Act, 1991.

Incorporation 2. The Mount Zion Independent Spiritual Baptist Church (hereinafter called "the Church") is hereby created a body corporate.

Aims and objects 3. The aims and objects of the Church are—

- (a) to raise the spiritual consciousness to a level where members will have an appreciation of Spiritual Christianity so that they will be better able to serve God and humanity;
- (b) to foster the collaboration of all Christian Churches with a view to bringing about the spiritual, intellectual and economic advancement of the people of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago;
- (c) to assist in the establishment of educational charitable welfare institutions to serve the public of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago;
- (d) to set high standards of morality, discipline and conduct for the advancement of the spiritual development of members;
- (e) to baptise, teach, train and ordain persons in the Ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- (f) to have a religious organisation with a voluntary membership consisting of persons who have dedicated their lives to the religious principles, aims and objects of the Church.

Power of the Church

4. The Church may—

- (a) acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or otherwise, any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein;

- (b) 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 has acquired title;
- (c) obtain, collect and receive moneys and funds by way of contributions, donations, legacies, grants and any other lawful method, and accept and receive gifts of property of any description, whether subject to any special trust or not.

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

Transfer and vesting of property

6. All documents requiring the seal of the Church shall be sealed with its common seal in the presence of the President and Secretary for the time being in office, or in the event of incapacity, in the presence of some other person authorised for that purpose by the Church, 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 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 it 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) All documents 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.

Power to make
Rules

8. The Church may, from time to time, make rules for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions and may amend or revoke such rules.

Saving of State or
other rights

9. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State, or any bodies politic or corporate or of any persons, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming, through, from or under them.

Passed in the Senate this 25th day of June, 1991.

R. CUMBERBATCH

Acting Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 5th day of July, 1991.

N. COX

Acting Clerk of the House