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GUYANA

BILL No. 2 of 1975

WESLEYAN CHURCH IN GUYANA (INCORPORATION) BILL 1975

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A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the Wesleyan Church of Guyana to hold the property in Guyana of the Pilgrim Holiness Church and for purposes connected therewith.

WHEREAS the Wesleyan Church is a Church formed on the 10th day of October, 1968 to carry on the work formerly carried on by the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America and the Pilgrim Holiness Church throughout the world;

AND WHEREAS movable and immovable property in Guyana have, from time to time, been acquired for use by, or in connection with the work of, the said Pilgrim Holiness Church;

AND WHEREAS the said Pilgrim Holiness Church is desirous that all the said property may lawfully be used by the said Wesleyan Church to the intent that the work of the said Pilgrim Holiness Church may be carried on without interruption, that a Board of Trustees be incorporated to hold the said property and all movable and immovable property of the Wesleyan Church in Guyana and that such provisions be made in relation to the property connected with the said Wesleyan Church as are hereinafter contained:

A.D. 1975 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Wesleyan Church in Guyana (Incorporation) Act 1975.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
“the Board” means the body corporate established by section 3;

“the Church” means the Wesleyan Church in Guyana;

“the District Board of Administration” means the governing body of the Church.

Establishment and incorporation of the Board of Trustees of the Wesleyan Church in Guyana.

3. There is hereby established a body to be called “The Board of Trustees of the Wesleyan Church in Guyana” which shall be a body corporate.

4:(1) The Board shall consist of not less than five nor more than nine persons resident in Guyana who shall be appointed by the District Board of Administration.

Members of the Board and management of its affairs.

(2) The affairs of the Board shall be managed by its members.

5. The tenure of office of a member of the Board shall terminate in accordance with the rules or regulations prescribed, from time to time, in relation thereto by the District Board of Administration.

Tenure of membership.

6. All property in Guyana which at the commencement of this Act is vested in the Pilgrim Holiness Church and all property in Guyana to which the Pilgrim Holiness Church is beneficially entitled shall be and is hereby vested in the Board without further assurance.

Vesting of property in the Board.

7. All property vested in, or hereafter acquired by, the Board shall be held by the Board in trust for the use and benefit of the Church subject, however, to the regulations of the Church as are, from time to time, promulgated by the District Board of Administration and shall not be sold, leased, mortgage, charged, or otherwise dealt with or disposed of without the prior approval in writing of the District Board of Administration.

Tenure of property.

8.(1) The Board, may, with the approval of the District Board of Administration, make such rules and regulations for conducting and regulating its affairs and for the carrying out of its duties as it thinks fit.

Power to make rules and regulations.

(2) Subject to subsection (1), the Board shall have power to regulate its own proceedings.

9.(1) Any document requiring to be formally executed by or on behalf of the Board shall be deemed sufficiently executed if signed by the President or the Chairman or a member and the Secretary, of the Board.

Execution of documents.

(2) Any other document not required by law to be executed under seal shall be deemed to be duly executed if signed by a person or persons authorised by the Board so to sign and such person shall be deemed to be the person designated in such document and to be so authorised, unless the contrary is proved

Evidence
of acts.

10. Every person signing as President, Chairman, member, or secretary of the District Board of Administration or the Board shall be taken so to be until the contrary is proved and any statement or certificate that any person named therein is the President, Chairman, member or Secretary of the District Board of Administration or the Board or that a document is a true copy of any document or of an extract from any document or entry in the books or records of the District Board of Administration or the Board purporting to be signed by the President or by the Chairman or by a member and the Secretary of the District Board of Administration or the Board shall be admissible as *prima facie* evidence of the fact or of the original entry.

Service of
process.

11. Any document or process may be served on the Board by —

- (a) delivering it to any member of the Board; or
- (b) sending it by registered post to the address of the Board.

Repeal.
Cap. 224.

12. The Pilgrim Holiness Church Ordinance is hereby repealed.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to make provision for the incorporation of the Wesleyan Church in Guyana to carry on the work formerly carried on in Guyana by the Pilgrim Holiness Church.