

Bill No. 8 of 1958.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD (INCORPORATION) BILL,
1958.

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A BILL

Intituled

AN ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE THE BRITISH GUIANA MISSION OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana :—

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| 1. | This Ordinance may be cited as the Assemblies of God (Incorporation) Ordinance, 1958. | Short title. |
| 2. | In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires —
“the General Council” means the General Council of the Assemblies of God, of Springfield, Missouri, in the United States of America, incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri in the United States of America;
“Guiana Mission” means the Assemblies of God in Guiana referred to in section 3 of this Ordinance. | Interpretation. |
| 3. | The General Superintendent, the General Secretary and the Foreign Missions Secretary for the time being of the General Council shall be deemed to be in British Guiana a body corporate, and shall be known and described as the Assemblies of God in Guiana, and by that name shall have full power to hold or acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance, transport, or otherwise, any movable or immovable property in British Guiana or any estate or interest therein, and may sue and be sued in all courts of justice and before all judges or magistrates of British Guiana. | Guiana Mission to be deemed a body corporate. |
| 4. | The Guiana Mission shall be entitled to sell, transport, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of and deal with, all property both movable and immovable for the time being vested in or acquired by the Guiana Mission. | Power to dispose of property. |
| 5. | No change of the persons holding the office of General Superintendent, General Secretary or Foreign Missions Secretary of the General Council shall affect any movable or immovable property or any estate or interest therein vested in the Guiana Mission, but that property and estate and interest therein shall continue to vest in the Guiana Mission in the same way and to the same extent as before. | Change in office-bearers of General Council not to affect property or interest in British Guiana. |
| 6. | The General Superintendent, the General Secretary and the Foreign Missions Secretary for the time being of the General Council, together or separately, shall have power as a corporate body to appoint an attorney or attorneys to represent them in British Guiana for the purposes of this Ordinance for the time and with the powers stated in the power of attorney. | Power to appoint attorney or attorneys. |
| 7. | Ralph M. Riggs, J. Roswell Flower and Noel Perkins, of 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, in the United States of America, shall be deemed to be the present General Superintendent, General Secretary and Foreign Missions Secretary, respectively, of the General Council. | Present office-bearers of the General Council. |

Authorised representatives.

8. When a power of attorney, duly executed in the United States of America by the General Superintendent, the General Secretary and the Foreign Missions Secretary for the time being of the General Council, or one of those officers, has been recorded in the Deeds Registry in British Guiana, the person or persons named in that power shall be deemed to be the duly authorised representative or representatives in British Guiana of the Guiana Mission, and shall have the right to exercise in relation to the property and affairs of the Guiana Mission all the powers (but those only) contained therein as fully and as effectually as if those powers were exercised personally by the General Superintendent, the General Secretary and the Foreign Missions Secretary as a corporate body.

Proceedings by or against the Guiana Mission.

9. In all legal proceedings in British Guiana against the Guiana Mission, service of process upon the representative or representatives aforesaid, or on the pastor for the time being appointed by the General Council as head of the Guiana Mission, or, if there is not that representative or pastor, by affixing the process on a conspicuous part of any of the buildings or churches of the Guiana Mission situate in the City of Georgetown, shall be good and sufficient service.

Signature by authorised representatives to be deemed formal execution.

10. All transports, mortgages, cancellation of mortgages, leases, transfers, and other documents necessary to give effect to the several matters, acts and things or any of them mentioned and specified in sections 3 and 4 of this Ordinance, requiring to be formally executed by or on behalf of the Guiana Mission, shall be deemed sufficiently executed if signed by the duly authorised representative or representatives aforesaid if the power of attorney whereunder he or they purport to act authorises the execution of the document or the performance or doing of the matter, act, or thing.

Saving the rights of Her Majesty.

11. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to affect any right of Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, or of any body politic or corporate or of any other person or persons except such as are mentioned in this Ordinance and those claiming by, from, through or under them.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

The General Council of the Assemblies of God of Springfield, Missouri, United States of America, carry on work in British Guiana through an overseas mission. This Bill seeks to incorporate in British Guiana the General Superintendent, the General Secretary and the Foreign Missions Secretary of the General Council of the Assemblies of God under the name of "The Assemblies of God in Guiana."

2. Clauses 3 and 4 seek to confer on the incorporated body power to acquire and dispose of property in British Guiana and to sue and be sued in British Guiana.

3. Clauses 6, 8 and 10 of the Bill seek to authorise the appointment of representatives of the incorporated body in British Guiana and to provide that these representatives may exercise the powers contained in their appointment and may execute documents on behalf of the body if so authorised.

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