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I Assent,

James B. Carlisle, Governor-General.

29th January, 1997.

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No. 7 of 1996

AN ACT for the Incorporation of the East Caribbean Baptist Mission, to vest certain lands therein and matters incidental thereto.

[ 13th February, 1997 ]

WHEREAS there has been constituted a Mission known as the East Caribbean Baptist Mission consisting of the Central Baptist Church and all churches hereafter founded by the East Caribbean Baptist Mission connected in religious fellowship;

AND WHEREAS real property has from time to time been acquired by and on behalf of the Mission or its constituents and is now used and occupied by the ministers and agents of the East Caribbean Baptist Mission for churches, chapels, schools and mission houses;

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AND WHEREAS lands and hereditaments have been at different times conveyed in trust for the purposes of the said Mission or its constituents, or are now beneficially held, used, occupied or enjoyed for such purposes by the same, or the officials or members thereof;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable and expedient that the East Caribbean Baptist Mission shall have the right to acquire, hold, deal with and dispose of moveable and immovable property in Antigua and Barbuda for the purposes of the Mission:

ENACTED by the Parliament of **Antigua** and Barbuda as follows —

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the East Caribbean Baptist Mission (Incorporation) Act 1996.

Incorporation.

2. The East Caribbean Baptist Mission is hereby constituted a body corporate under the name and title of "The East Caribbean Baptist Mission" with perpetual succession and a common seal and with power and authority by that name to sue and be sued, to acquire and to hold real and personal property for all purposes connected with the administration of the affairs of the East Caribbean Baptist Mission in Antigua and Barbuda and with power to sell, mortgage, alienate, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the said property.

Execution of leases, transfers, Contracts by Mission.

3. All deeds of conveyance or reconveyance, documents by mortgages, charges, assignments or other deeds and documents whatsoever and all powers of attorney and all notarial instruments required to be executed by the said East Caribbean Baptist Mission shall be deemed sufficiently executed if sealed with its common seal and subscribed by the Executive Director or Chairman of the Board of hectors of the East Caribbean Baptist Mission for the time being and such execution shall be valid and effectual at law.

Vesting of property in Mission.

4. All real and personal property in Antigua and Barbuda now held by or vested in any person on behalf of the Central Baptist Church or the East Caribbean Mission in Antiguaand Barbuda are hereby transferred to and vested in the East Caibbean Baptist Mission and its successors for the same estates and interests and to the extent to which the same were respectively at the time of the passing of this Act held or vested as aforesaid, subject to the rights,

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reservations and charges if any, now affecting the same and the trusts upon which the same are now held, without conveyance, transfer or assignment.

5. Nothing herein contained shall affect or be deemed to affect Saving. the rights of Her Majesty, her heirs and successors or any body politic or corporate  $\alpha$  of any other persons except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from or under them.

Passed the House of Representatives this 19th day of November, 1996.

Passed the Senate this 19th day of December, 1996.

B. Harris, Speaker.

M. Percival, President.

S. Walker, Clerk to the House of Representatives.

S. Walker, Clerk to the Senate.

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