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I Assent.

James B. Carlisle, Governor-General.

25th September, 1998.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

No. 10 of 1998

AN ACT for the Incorporation of the New Testament Church of God, to vest certain lands therein and matters incidental thereto.

[1st October, 1998]

WHEREAS the New Testament Church of God has been serving the people of Antigua and Barbuda since 1960 and subsequently constructed a Church in Browne's Avenue in 1964: and

WHEREASthe New Testament Church of God has grown by the expansion of its Ministry to include new congregations and affiliate churches throughout Antigua and Barbuda; and

WHEREAS real property has from time to time been acquired by and on behalf of the church and its affiliates to expand the work of the church and to establish a theological academy which will provide local academic training to any person with a desire to work in the Ministry of God; and

WHEREAS it is desirable and expedient that the New Testament Church of God shall have the right to acquire, hold, deal with and dispose of movable and immovable property in Antigua and Barbuda for purposes of the work of the church.

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No. 10 of 1998.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the New Testament Church of God (Incorporation) Act, 1998.

Incorporation.

2. The New Testament Church of God is hereby constituted a body corporate under the name and title of "The New Testament Church of God" 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 New Testament Church of God in Antigua and Barbuda and with power to sell, mortgage, alienate, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the said property.

Execution of documents by Church.

3. All deeds of conveyance or reconveyance, mortgages, charges, leases, transfers, contracts, assignments or other deed and documents whatsoever and all powers of attorney and all notarial instruments required to be executed by the New Testament Church of God shall be deemed sufficiently executed if sealed with its common seal and subscribed by the Executive Director or Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Church for the time being and such execution shall be valid and effectual at law.

Vesting of property in Church.

4. All real and personal property in Antigua and Barbuda now held in any person on behalf of the New Testament Church of God in Antigua and Barbuda are hereby transferred to and vested in the New Testament Church of God and its successors for the same estates and interest 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 reservations and charges if any, now affecting the same and the trust upon which the same were respectively at the time of the passing of this Act heldor vested as aforesaid, subject to the rights, reservations and charges if any, now affecting the same and the trusts upon which the same are now held, without conveyance, transfer or assignment.

Saving.

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

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Passed the House of Representatives this 13th day of August, 1998.

Passed the Senate this 28th day of August, 1998.

B. Harris, *Speaker*.

M. Percival, President.

S. Walker, Clerk to the House of Representatives.

S. Walker, Clerk to the Senate.

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