

JAMAICA

No. 24—2002

I assent,

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H. F. COOKE,
Governor-General.

7th day of August, 2002.

AN ACT for the Incorporation of The Good News Church of God of Jamaica and the vesting of certain property in the body so incorporated.

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter named and other persons and inhabitants of this Island have been associated together under the name “The Good News Church of God of Jamaica” for the teaching and spread of belief in the Bible the Moral Laws of God, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, and to safeguard and transmit to posterity the purity and righteousness of the precepts and teachings as taught by them.

AND WHEREAS property, both real and personal in Jamaica is held or possessed by divers persons so associated in trust on behalf of the Church :

AND WHEREAS it is expedient and desirable that a corporate body with perpetual succession should be created in which may be vested all the real and personal property already and hereinafter to be acquired in Jamaica for and on behalf of the Church and that such corporate body shall have the right to acquire, hold, deal with, mortgage and dispose of all real and personal property in this Island for the purpose of the Good News Church of God of Jamaica and should also have such other powers as are conferred by this Act:

[*August 8, 2002*]

BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as The Good News Church of God of Jamaica (Incorporation and Vesting) Act, 2002.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires:—

“The Church” means the persons for the time being associated in Jamaica under the name of The Good News Church of God of Jamaica;

“The Corporation” means the body incorporated by this Act.

Incorporation of the Good News Church of God of Jamaica.

3.—(1) The following persons, that is to say:—

Rev. Herman A. Johnson, Greenwood Village,
P.O. Box 391, Montego Bay,
Saint James, Overseer

Rev. Ann Marie Bulgin, Greenwood Village,
P.O. Box 391, Montego Bay,
Saint James, Pastor

Pastor Kenrick Thorpe, Content District,
Adelphi P.O., Saint James, Secretary

Lelieth Johnson, Greenwood Village,
P.O. Box 891, Montego Bay, No. 1,
Saint James, Pastor

Valda Erskine, Paisley District,
Adelphi P.O.,
Saint James

Verona Dalley, Queensgate, Spotvalley P.A.,
Saint James, Cashier

Desina Thompson, Tangle River, Sign P.O.,
Saint James, Teacher

Utilda Bethune, Adelphi P.O.,
Saint James, Treasurer

McDermott Downer, Paradise, Montego Bay,
Saint James, Mason

Aldith Reid, Lima District, Adelphi P.O.,
Saint James, Housewife

Hyacinth Williams, Albion P.A.,
Saint James, Shopkeeper

Vivette Lawrence, Somerton P.O.,
Saint James, Housewife

Gledsie Baker, Flankers,
Saint James, Teacher

and their successors for the time being in the respective offices of overseer, secretary, treasurer of the Church as may from time to time be elected for those purposes for the time being by the Church at its Annual Conference shall be and hereby declared constituted and appointed a Corporation or body corporate to have continuance forever and perpetual succession by the name of "The Good News Church of God of Jamaica" and possessed of a corporate seal and by that name may sue or be sued in all Courts of Jamaica.

(2) No act or proceedings of the Corporation shall be invalidated by reason of any vacancy in the body or in any of the offices mentioned in the preceding subsection or by any defect in the appointment of any person to any such office.

(3) The seal of the Corporation shall be of such design and pattern as the Corporation may from time to time determine.

(4) Upon the recording in the Island Record Office or the lodging at the Office of Titles of a certificate under the seal of the Corporation of the appointment of any person to any of the offices mentioned in subsection (1) of this section the person named in such certificate shall be deemed to be the holder of the office named therein until the recording or lodging of a certificate of the appointment of another person to such office.

(5) No deed or document purporting to be executed by the Corporation shall be of any force or validity unless it be sealed with the seal of the Corporation and signed by not less than two members of the Corporation, one of whom shall be the overseer for the time being of the Church.

Vesting of
property.

4.—(1) All lands and hereditaments and all goods, chattels and personal property in Jamaica which are now legally or equitably the property of the Church or are now held in trust for the purpose of the Church or are now held or possessed on behalf of the Church by the officials, ministers or members of the Church or any of them are hereby transferred to and vested in the Corporation, its successors and assigns subject to all trusts, mortgages, charges, rights, reservations or incumbrances (if any) affecting the same or any part thereof.

(2) All property real and personal in the Island of Jamaica devised or bequeathed by will or otherwise given to the Church or to any person for the benefit of the Church

shall be held by, and is hereby vested in, and shall be deemed to be, the property of the Corporation.

5. The Corporation shall have the power to:—

Power of
the Corpo-
ration.

- (a) acquire, hold, purchase, lease, possess and enjoy any lands and hereditaments whatsoever in fee simple or leasehold or for any other estate or interest therein, and all property real, personal or mixed;
- (b) give, grant, let, charge, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, mortgage, sell, convey, assign, dispose of, turn to account, or otherwise deal with all or any of the property both present and future, so held or any part thereof;
- (c) borrow, raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as may be thought fit and in particular and by the issue of debenture or script charged upon all or any of the property (both present and future) held by or vested in the Corporation, and to redeem and pay off such securities;
- (d) appoint a person as the Attorney of the Corporation either generally or for a limited period and for such purposes and with powers as may be stated in the power of attorney, and to revoke any such appointment;
- (e) build, operate and maintain places of worship and such other buildings and facilities as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Church; and
- (f) make such rules and by-laws as it may think fit in order to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Savings of
Prerogative.

6. Nothing in this Act shall prejudice or affect the right of Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, or of any body politic or corporate or of any other person, except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from, through, or under them.

SCHEDULE (Section 4)

1. All that parcel of land part of Millennium Hall in the parish of Saint James containing by survey Thirty-nine Perches and Nine-Tenths of a Perch of the shape and dimensions and butting as appears by the Plan thereof thereunto annexed and being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title registered at Volume 1177 Folio 984 of the Register Book of Titles.

2. All that parcel of land part of Content in the parish of Saint James being the Lot numbered One on the Plan of Content aforesaid deposited in the Office of Titles on the 11th of August, 1943 of the shape and butting and bounding as appears by the diagram thereof thereunto annexed being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title registered at Volume 711 Folio 84 of the Register Book of Titles.

3. All that parcel of unregistered land situate at Tangle River in the parish of Saint James containing by estimation Forty Feet by Twenty-Seven Feet butting and bounding East by the main road between Flamstead Gardens and Point, North on land belonging to Andrew Erskine, South by a 6 foot road from the corner of Mabel Lawrence property, West by lands belonging to Shirley Bowlin or howsoever otherwise the same may be butted, known, distinguished or described, being the whole of the land comprised in Deed of Indenture dated the 24th day of February, 1981, between Shirley Bowlin and the United Church of God Association.