

CHAPTER 445

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF CEYLON

Ordinance No. 53 of 1947. AN ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE THE SOCIETY OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF CEYLON.

[2nd July, 1947.]

Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Assemblies of God of Ceylon Ordinance.

Incorporation. 2. The Reverend Walter Henry Clifford, Chairman; Mr. Charles Rajanayagam Wadsworth, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Samuel Muthuveloe, Secretary; the Reverend Wilfred Cawston, Treasurer; and the Reverend Carl Francis Graves, Pastor John Samuel Wickremaratne, Mr. William James Geoffrey Beling, the Reverend Clinton Newman and Pastor Eric Nathanielsz, Committee Members, and their successors to be elected in the manner hereinafter provided shall be a corporation (hereinafter called "the society") and shall have the name of "The Assemblies of God of Ceylon", and in that name shall have perpetual succession and shall have a common seal and full power and authority to hold, acquire, purchase, accept, take on lease, and enjoy movable and immovable property of every description and to sell, mortgage, alienate, lease or otherwise dispose of or deal with the same and by that name to sue or be sued in all courts and to do, perform or exercise the rights of an owner or lessee or a holder of such property and shall be empowered to lend its name and act as a trustee in respect of any endowment or funds of the Ceylon Council of the Assemblies of God (hereinafter referred to as "the council \*") and to borrow money where the necessity arises with or without the security of its own property.

Constitution of the society. 3. (1) The society shall consist of a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, a treasurer and three other members. The members of the society shall be elected once in two years at the biennial general meeting of the council, and shall also act as the directors of the Ceylon Bible Institute.

(2) The members of the society shall be elected by secret ballot. The following shall be entitled to vote at the election of the members of the society:—

- (a) the members of the General Council of Missionaries working in Sri Lanka;
- (b) ordained ministers;
- (c) licensed preachers;
- (d) Christian workers;
- (e) one delegate from each organized assembly in which there are not more than twenty-five members and another delegate in the event of the membership of such assembly exceeding twenty-five;
- (f) representatives from each outstation assembly that has been in existence for a period of more than one year.

(3) No person shall be elected a member of the society unless he has experienced the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts II, 4.

4. (1) It shall be lawful for the council from time to time at any general meeting of the members of the council and by a majority of votes to make rules for the transaction of business and the procedure to be observed at the meetings of the council and generally for the management of the affairs and the accomplishment of the objects of the council.

Rules.

(2) All the members of the council shall at all times be subject to the rules for the time being of the council.

Power to hold property.

5. The society shall have power to hold, possess and use property both movable and immovable and whether in possession, expectancy, remainder, reversion or otherwise and to allow itself to be nominated and appointed and to act as trustees for any fund, endowment, bequest, legacy or trust for the use of the council.

at least of the members of the council who shall sign their names on the instrument or document in token of their presence and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person who may sign the instrument as a witness.

Seal

6. The society shall have an office and the common seal of the council shall be in the custody of the chairman of the society and shall not be affixed to any instrument or document except in the presence of two

7. Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the Republic, or of any body politic or corporate, or of any other persons, except such as are mentioned in this Ordinance and those claiming by, from, or under them.

Saving of the rights of the Republic and other rights.