

Bill No 66/74



GUYANA

ACT NO. 9 OF 1974.

GUYANA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ACT 1974

I assent.

A. CHUNG,
President.

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An Act to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the Guyana Presbyterian Church to hold the property in Guyana of the Canadian Mission Council in Guyana and for purposes connected therewith.

A.D. 1974 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Guyana Presbyterian Church Act 1974.

Inter-
pretation.

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

“the Board” means the Board established by section 3;

“the Church” means the Guyana Presbyterian Church;

“Presbytery” means the governing body of the Church in Guyana.

Establish-
ment and
incorporation
of the Board
of Trustees
of the
Guyana
Presbyterian
Church.

3. There is hereby established a body to be called “The Board of Trustees of the Guyana Presbyterian Church” which shall be a body corporate.

Constitution
of the Board

4. The Board shall consist of not less than three not more than seven persons resident in Guyana who shall be appointed by the Presbytery.

Tenure of
membership
of the Board.

5. A member of the Board shall continue in office as such a member until his tenure of office as a member of the Board terminates in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Presbytery from time to time in relation thereto.

Vesting of
property in
the Board.

6. All property in Guyana which immediately before the commencement of this Act was vested in the Canadian Mission Council (incorporated under the Canadian Mission Council Incorporation Ordinance) and all property in Guyana to which the Canadian Mission Council and the Church are beneficially entitled shall, without further assurance, be transferred to and vested in the Board.

Cap: 219
1953 Ed.

Property to
be held in
trust for the
Guyana
Presbyterian
Church.

7. All property in Guyana vested in the Board by virtue of this Act or acquired by the Board after the commencement of this Act shall be held by the Board in trust for and for the use of the Church.

8. (1) The Board may, with the approval of the Presbytery, ^{Power to make rules and regulations.} make such rules and regulations for conducting and regulating its affairs and for the carrying out of its functions as it thinks fit.

(2) Subject to subsection (1), the Board shall have power to regulate its own proceedings.

9. (1) Any document required to be formally executed, by, ^{Execution of documents.} or on behalf of, the Board shall be deemed sufficiently executed if signed by two members of the Board and the Secretary of the Board.

(2) Any other document shall be deemed sufficiently executed if signed by a person or persons authorised by the Board so to sign and such person shall be deemed to be the person designated in such document and to be so authorised, unless the contrary is proved.

10. Every person signing as Moderator, Ruling Elder, or ^{Evidence of acts.} Clerk of the Presbytery, Member or Secretary of the Board, shall be taken so to be until the contrary is proved and any statement or certificate that any person named therein is the Moderator, Ruling Elder, or Clerk of the Presbytery, or a member or the Secretary of the Board or that a document is a true copy of any document or an extract from any document or entry in the books or records of the Presbytery or the Board purporting to be signed by the Moderator or the Ruling Elder and the Clerk of the Presbytery or by two members of the Board and the Secretary of the Board shall be admissible as *prima facie* evidence of the facts stated or authenticated therein.

11. Any document or process may be served on the ^{Service of process.} Board —

- (a) by delivering it to the President, or the Secretary, of the Board; or
- (b) by sending it by registered post to the address of the Board.

12. The Canadian Mission Council Incorporation Ordinance is hereby repealed. ^{Repeal. Cap. 219 1963 Ed.}

Passed by the National Assembly on the 18th of February, 1974.

F. A. Narain

F. A. NARAIN,
Clerk of the National Assembly.

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