SEAL No. 262/75

GUYANA

ACT No. 20 of 1975

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY (INCORPORATION OF TRUSTEES) ACT 1975

I assent.

A. Chung,
President.
31 May, 1975.

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AN ACT to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the Church of God of Prophecy.

A. D. 1975. Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Church of God of Prophecy (Incorporation of Trustees) Act 1975.

Interpretation. 2. In this Act —

"the Board of Trustees" or "the Board" means the Board of Trustees of the Church of God of Prophecy in Guyana constituted in accordance with the provisions of this Act and includes the National and Local Boards;

"the Church" means the Church of God of Prophecy in Guyana with General Headquarters at Bible Place, Cleveland, Tennessee, in the United States of America;

"the General Overseer" means the person for the time being holding the highest administrative office of the Church of God of Prophecy, with his office at the General Headquarters;

"General Trustees" means the persons for the time being holding office as such with offices at the General Headquarters;

"the Local Board of Trustees" means the persons holding office as trustees by virtue of their being appointed thereto by the local church, either in a regular or specially summoned meeting;

"the National Board of Trustees" means the persons holding such office as Trustees by virtue of their being appointed thereto by the Overseer in the Annual National Convention of the Church;

"the Overseer" means the person appointed to the office of Overseer of the Church in Guyana by the General Overseer.

3. There is hereby established a body to be known as the Board of Trustees of the Church of God of Prophecy in Guyana which shall be a body corporate consisting of not less than three nor more than five persons, appointed or elected thereto in accordance with the rules and practices of the Church:

Incorporation of the Board of Trustees.

Provided that the Board shall not transfer, mortgage, lease, charge or otherwise dispose of, immovable property without being authorised to do so by the person or authority having power to appoint the members of the Board and with the consent of the General Trustees.

4. Subject to section 3, during the absence of any member of the Board from Guyana, or the refusal or inability of any member to act as such, or the existence of any vacany in the membership of the Board occasioned by the death of any member or otherwise, the surviving or remaining members of the Board may, in the name of the Board, exercise all or any of the powers conferred on the Board by this Act.

Death or absence from Guyana of member of Board.

5. The property which prior to the commencement of this Act was vested in the Trustees of the Church of God of Prophecy, that is to say, the property described in the schedule is hereby vested without further assurance in the National Board of Trustees.

Vesting of property.

6. All property of whatever nature or kind hereafter bequeathed by will or otherwise given to the church shall be deemed to be the property of the Board.

Vesting of property bequeathed

7. In the case of a local church ceasing to function or being disbanded the property of the local church shall, without further assurance, vest in the National Board of Trustees.

Property of disbanded churches.

8. All property vested in or hereafter acquired by the Board shall be held by the Board for the use and benefit of the church.

Tenure of property for the use of the church.

9. No change in the membership of the Board of Trustees shall derogate from the title or powers of the Board in respect of any property or any interest therein.

Change of membership not to derogate from powers of the Board.

10. In all matters not specially provided for by this Act, the Board shall, so far as may be practicable, possess and exercise the like power and authority as are possessed by the General Trustees, and its proceedings shall be governed by the laws, regulations, processes and practices of the church at the General Headquarters in so far as they are not repugnant to, or in conflict with, any law in force in Guyana.

Exercise by Board of powers in matters not specially provided for by Act

Evidence of membership of the Board.

11. A statement that any person is a member of the Board of Trustees purporting to be signed by the Overseer shall be *prima facie* evidence of the said fact.

Service of process.

12. All process which is required to be served on the Board shall be deemed to be sufficiently served if a copy thereof —

(a) is left with the Overseer at any place in Guyana, or with an adult inmate at the place of residence in Guyana of the Overseer; or

(b) is published in the *Gazette*.

Section 6

SCHEDULE

Lot numbered 71 (seventy-one) being a portion of Plantation Meten-Meer-Zorg, situate on the west sea coast of the County of Demerara in Guyana the said lot being laid down and defined on a plan by Sheer Mohamed, Sworn Land Surveyor dated 30th October, 1958, and deposited in the Deeds Registry on 26th of August, 1960.

Passed by the National Assembly on the 21st May, 1975.

M. B. Henry.

Acting Clerk of the National Assembly.