

Enacted in Assent. 31 A

C. C. WOOLLEY,

Governor.

14th July, 1950.

ORDINANCE No. 21 OF 1950.

AN ORDINANCE to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in British Guiana; to vest therein certain property; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

[29th July, 1950.]

A.D. 1950

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Guiana, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the African Methodist Episcopal Church (Incorporation) Ordinance, 1950.

Interpre-  
tation.

2. In this Ordinance —

“the Church” means the African Methodist Episcopal Church in British Guiana;

“Board of Trustees” means the Board of Trustees of the Church appointed or elected in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance;

“successors in office” means the persons from time to time appointed or elected in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance.

3. The Presiding Bishop of the Church, the Presiding Elder, the general Secretary Treasurer of Missions, and any other person or persons appointed a member or members of the Board of Trustees by the Church in addition to or in substitution for the aforesaid officials, and their successors in office, shall be a body corporate and shall have the name of the Board of Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in British Guiana, with perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall have full power to purchase, take, hold, enjoy, sell, transport, mortgage, lease, invest and otherwise deal with and dispose of all property movable and immovable, of what nature or kind soever, subject, however, to the performance of any trust upon which that property has been acquired, and may sue and be sued in all courts in the Colony.

Incorporation of the Board of Trustees.

4. In the event of the death or absence from the Colony of any member of the Board of Trustees, his office shall be filled by due process according to the rules of the Church, and all or any of the powers conferred on the Board of Trustees by this Ordinance may be exercised by the surviving or remaining members.

Death or absence from Colony of member of Board of Trustees.

5. All movable or immovable property (including therein any church, school or other building) in the Colony, which at the commencement of this Ordinance is held by or is vested in any person or body of persons on behalf of or for the use or benefit of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in British Guiana, shall vest in the Board of Trustees.

Vesting of property in the Board of Trustees.

6. All property vested in or hereafter acquired by the Board of Trustees shall be held by it for the use and benefit of the Church.

Tenure of property for use of the Church.

7. In all matters not specially provided for by this Ordinance, the Board of Trustees shall, so far as may be practicable, possess and exercise the like power and authority as are possessed and exercised by the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and its proceedings shall be governed by the laws, regulations, processes and practice of that body in so far as they are not repugnant to, or in conflict with any Ordinance or law in force in British Guiana.

8. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to affect any right of His Majesty the King, His Heirs and Successors or of any body politic or corporate or of any other person or persons except such as are mentioned in this Ordinance and those claiming by, from, through or under them.

Saving the rights of the Crown.