

I assent,
ALFRED SAVAGE,
 Governor,
 4th August, 1954.

ORDINANCE No. 24 OF 1954.

AN ORDINANCE to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Diocese of Guiana.

[7th August, 1954.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Diocese of Guiana Ordinance, 1954. A.D. 1954
Short title
2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—
 “the Synod” means the diocesan synod of Guiana; Interpretation
 “the diocese” means the diocese of Guiana;
 “the Church” means the Church in the diocese;
 “the Bishop” means the bishop of the diocese;
3. (1) The Diocesan Synod of Guiana as constituted by the Diocese of Guiana Ordinance shall continue to be the diocesan synod of the Church and to be styled the Diocesan Synod of the Church in Guiana. The Diocesan Synod
Cap. 229.
 (2) The Synod shall have power to make all such rules, regulations and canons as they from time to time think fit, for the general management, discipline and good government of the Church. Power of Synod
to make canons.
 (3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (2) of this section the Synod may alter the constitution of the Synod, and from time to time make such provision as they may think fit to provide as to the election, qualification and number of lay representatives in the Synod, and generally to provide for the transaction of the business and proceedings thereof.
4. (1) The body corporate known as The Incorporated Trustees of the Church in the Diocese of Guiana as created by section 5 of the Diocese of Guiana Ordinance is hereby continued, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and shall and may sue and be sued in all courts of law or equity and before all magistrates, and subject to the rules, regulations and canons, and the control of the Synod, shall have power to acquire and hold property both movable and immovable for the Church, and for all purposes connected with the administration of the affairs of the Church, to alienate, sell, transport, mortgage, hypothecate, pledge, lease, take on lease, invest and otherwise deal with and dispose of all property movable and immovable of what nature and kind soever. Trustees.
Cap. 229.
 (2) The persons lawfully exercising and performing at the commencement of this Ordinance the powers, functions and

duties of trustees shall, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, continue to be trustees under this Ordinance.

(3) There shall be five trustees of whom the Bishop shall at all times be one.

(4) The Synod may, from time to time, elect as trustees four persons, of whom at least three shall be laymen.

(5) Three trustees, of whom the Bishop shall be one, shall form a quorum for the exercise of all or any of the powers conferred by this Ordinance on the trustees.

(6) The trustees may act notwithstanding any vacancy among their number.

(7) The powers of this section conferred on the Bishop may be exercised —

(a) by the Vicar General appointed from time to time under a mandate issued by the Bishop, in any case where the Bishop is absent from the Colony or is unable through any reason to act; or

(b) by the Administrator of the Diocese, who, if the See is vacant, shall be a person approved by the Archbishop of the West Indies, or if the office of Archbishop be vacant or if the Archbishop is unable for any reason to act, by the Senior Bishop of the Province for the time being, where the Bishop is absent from the Colony or is unable through any reason to act or the See is vacant and a Vicar General has not been appointed under a mandate issued by the Bishop.

Power of trustees to create a floating charge.

5. (1) The trustees may, by instrument in writing, execute in favour of a Bank a floating charge on all or any buildings, structures or other erections, or immovable property vested in the trustees, as security for sums advanced to the trustees by such Bank, and any interest, commission and charges that may be due thereon.

(2) The principal sum secured by a charge may be either a specified amount, or a fluctuating amount advanced by way of overdraft on current account the total outstanding amount of which shall not at any time exceed such amount (if any) as may be specified in the charge, and in the latter case the charge shall not be deemed to be redeemed by reason only of the current account having ceased to be in debit.

Schedule.

(3) The instrument of writing referred to in this section may be in the form set out in the Schedule hereto or to the like effect and shall be deemed to confer in favour of the Bank a first charge on all buildings, structures or other erections or immovable property as the case may be vested in the trustees at the place or places therein mentioned and shall rank prior to all other claims against the trustees not secured by mortgage of any specific property vested in the trustees.

Vesting of property bequeathed.

6. All property movable or immovable of what nature or kind soever hereafter bequeathed by will or otherwise given to the Church shall be deemed to be the property of the trustees.

