



I assent.

Officer Administering
the Government,

22nd June, 1955.

BRITISH GUIANA

ORDINANCE No. 25 OF 1955.

AN ORDINANCE to incorporate the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in British Guiana, to vest therein certain property and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

A.D. 1955.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (Incorporation) Ordinance, 1955. Short title.

2. In this Ordinance —

“the Church” means the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in British Guiana; Interpreta-
tion.

“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.

Incorporation of the Board of Trustees.

3. Doctor Claude Denbow, of lot 1, Commerce Street, Georgetown, Demerara, Claude Jonas, Esquire, of lot 17, Broad Street, Georgetown, Demerara and Harold Paul, Esquire, of Penitentiary Walk, New Amsterdam, Berbice 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 persons, and their successors in office, shall be a body corporate and shall have the name of the Board of Trustees of the Ethiopian Orthodox 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 or 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.

Death or absence from Colony of member of 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.

Vesting of property in the Board of Trustees.

5. All movable or immovable property 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 Ethiopian Orthodox Church in British Guiana, shall vest in the Board of 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 in British Guiana shall be deemed the property of the Board of Trustees.

Tenure of property for use of the Church.

7. 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.

Holding of land without licence.

8. The Board of Trustees may hold land in the Colony without the licence of the Governor in Council.

Evidence of membership of the Board of Trustees.

9. A statement that any person named therein has been appointed a member of the Board of Trustees, purporting to be signed by the Ethiopian Church representatives in the Colony shall be *prima facie* evidence of the said fact.

Service of process.

10. All process which is required to be served on the Board shall be deemed to be sufficiently served at the residence in the Colony of any one of the members of the Board of Trustees and a copy thereof published in the Gazette of the Colony.

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11. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to affect any right of Her Majesty the Queen, Her 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 of right of Her Majesty and others**

Passed by the Legislative Council this fifteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.



Clerk of the Legislature.

(Leg. Bill No. 16/1955).

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