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The following Bill which will be introduced in the National Assembly by Cde E. H. A. Fowler, M.P., is published for general information.

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**Clerk of the National Assembly.**



**GUYANA**

**BILL NO. 8 OF 1980**

**MORAVIAN MISSION COUNCIL INCORPORATION  
(AMENDMENT) BILL 1980**

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

**SECTION**

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 1 of Cap. 218.
3. Repeal and re-enactment of section 2 of Cap. 218.

4. Repeal and re-enactment of section 3 of Cap. 218.
5. Repeal and re-enactment of section 7 of Cap. 218.
6. Repeal and re-enactment of section 8 of Cap. 218.
7. Repeal and re-enactment of section 9 of Cap. 218.
8. Repeal and re-enactment of section 10 of Cap. 218.
9. General amendment of Cap. 218.

**A BILL**

**Intituled**

**AN ACT to amend the Moravian Mission Council Incorporation Ordinance.**

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

**Short title.** 1. This Act which amends the Moravian Mission Council Incorporation Ordinance may be cited as the Moravian Mission Council Incorporation (Amendment) Act 1980.

**Cap. 218  
1953 Ed.**

**Amendment of section 1 of Cap. 218  
1953 Ed.** 2. Section 1 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution of the words “Provincial Board of Trustees of the Moravian Church in Guyana” for the words “Moravian Mission Council”.

**Repeal and re-enactment of section 2 of Cap. 218  
1953 Ed.**

3. Section 2 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor —

“Interpretation. 2. In this Ordinance —

“the Church” means the Moravian Church in Guyana;

“the Board” means the Board established by section 3(1);

“property” means property of every description whether movable or immovable;

“the Conference” means the governing body of the Church.”.

**Repeal and re-enactment of section 3 of Cap. 218  
1953 Ed.**

4. Section 3 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor —

“Establishment and Incorporation of the Provincial Board of Trustees of the Moravian Church in Guyana.

- 3.(1) There is hereby established a body to be called the Provincial Board of Trustees of the Moravian Church in Guyana which shall be a body corporate.
- (2) The Board shall consist of not less than five and not more than eight persons resident in Guyana who shall be appointed by the Conference.
- (3) A member of the Board shall continue in office until his tenure of membership terminates in accordance with the rules or regulations prescribed by the Conference from time to time in relation thereto.”

5. Section 7 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor —

Repeal and re-enactment of section 7 of Cap. 218 1953 Ed.

“Execution of documents.

- 7.(1) Any document required to be formally executed by or on behalf of the Board shall be deemed sufficiently executed if signed by the Chairman or Secretary and countersigned by the Treasurer or any member of the Board.
- (2) Any other document shall be deemed to be duly executed if signed by a person or persons authorised by the Board so to sign and such person or persons shall be deemed to be the person or persons designated in such document and to be so authorised unless the contrary is proved.”

6. Section 8 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor —

Repeal and re-enactment of section 8 of Cap. 218 1953 Ed.

“Evidence of acts.

8. Every person signing as Chairman, member, Secretary or Treasurer of the Conference or 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 Chairman, member, Secretary or Treasurer of the Conference or the Board or that a document is a true copy of any document or of any extract from any document or entry in the books or records of the Conference or the Board purporting to be signed by the Chairman, member, Secretary or Treasurer of the Conference or the Board shall be admissible as *prima facie* evidence of the fact, original entry, matter of transaction.”

Repeal and re-enactment of section 9 of Cap. 218 1953 Ed.

7. Section 9 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor —

“Service of process.

9. Any document or process may be served on the Board by —

- (a) delivering it to any member of the Board; or
- (b) sending it by registered post to the address of the Board.”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 10 of Cap. 218 1953 Ed.

8. Section 10 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor —

“Power to make rules and regulations.

10.(1)The Board may with the approval of the Conference make such rules and regulations for conducting and regulating its affairs and for the carrying out of its duties as it thinks fit.

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

General amendment of Cap. 218 1953 Ed.

9.(1) Subject to the other amendments effected by this Act, the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution of the words “Provincial Board of Trustees of the Moravian Church in Guyana” for the words “Council” or “Moravian Mission Council” wherever they appear therein.

(2) The change of name of the Moravian Mission Council effected by this Act shall not prejudice or affect any subsisting rights or obligations or anything which remains to be done or forborne to be done by the Board by virtue of its previous name and the Board may exercise all existing rights, powers and privileges in its name.

(3) Any reference to the Moravian Mission Council in any written law, instrument or document of any kind shall be construed as a reference to the Provincial Board of Trustees of the Moravian Church in Guyana.

### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Moravian Mission Council Incorporation Ordinance (Cap. 218 1953 Ed.) for the purpose of establishing the Provincial Board of Trustees of the Moravian Church in Guyana as a replacement for the existing Moravian Mission Council and to provide for incidental matters.

(Bill No. 8/1980)