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29 of 1951.

An Ordinance to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in British Guiana, to vest therein certain property, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

[23RD JUNE, 1951.]

Short title.

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

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Ordinance—

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

“the parent Church” means the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church of the United States of America;

“the Board of Trustees” or “the Board” means the Board of Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in British Guiana appointed in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance;

“ successors in office ” means the persons from time to time filling the offices of the Chairman and the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the parent Church, the Superintendent and Presiding Elder of the Church in British Guiana and any persons appointed by the parent Church to be members of the Board of Trustees.

3. The Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board of the parent Church, the Secretary of the said Foreign Mission Board, the Superintendent and Presiding Elder of the Church in British Guiana, Christopher Wellesley Burchmore Deane, Esquire, and any persons appointed in addition to, or in substitution for, them by the parent Church to be members of the Board of Trustees, 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 Zion 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, take on 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, all or any of the powers conferred on the said Board by this Ordinance may be exercised by the surviving or remaining members.

Death or absence from Colony of member of Board.

5. The movable and immovable property in the Colony, set out in the schedule to this Ordinance and which at the commencement of this Ordinance is held in trust for the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in British Guiana is hereby vested in the Board of Trustees appointed as aforesaid.

Vesting of property. Schedule.

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 to be the property of the Board.

Vesting of property bequeathed.

7. All property vested in or hereafter acquired by the Board shall be held by the said Board for the use and benefit of the Church in British Guiana.

Tenure of property for use of the Church.

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

Holding of land without licence.

Exercise by Board of powers in matters not specially provided for by Ordinance.

9. In all matters not specially provided for by this Ordinance, the Board shall, so far as may be practicable, possess and exercise the like power and authority as are possessed and exercised by the parent Church, 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 the Colony.

Evidence of membership of the Board.

10. A statement that any person named therein has been appointed a member of the Board of Trustees, purporting to be signed by the Chairman or the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the parent Church or the Superintendent and Presiding Elder of the Church in British Guiana shall be *prima facie* evidence of the said fact.

Service of process.

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

Saving the rights of Her Majesty.

12. 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.

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SCHEDULE.

The building presently used by the body known as the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church as a Manse situate on Lot No. 150, Lacytown, Georgetown, in the county of Demerara.

The building presently used as a church by the said body known as the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church situate on lot letter B, Plantation Golden Grove, east bank, Demerara river, in the county of Demerara.

Lot No. 150 and east half of Lot No. 149, in that part of Georgetown called Lacytown, in the county of Demerara, with the school and church buildings thereon, transported to William Frederick Glasgow Deane on the 6th September, 1937, No. 957; subject to a first mortgage in favour of the British Guiana Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society passed on the same day, No. 178.

One undivided half part or share of and in Lot Letter B, Plantation Golden Grove, east bank, Demerara river, in the county of Demerara, transported to William Augustus Deane, James Hughes, Samuel Chapman, Louise Duff, Caroline George and Joseph Sam on the 27th August, 1928, No. 1001.

Lots Nos. 110 and 111, east of the public road front lands of Craig, in the Craig village district, east bank, Demerara river, in the county of Demerara, purchased at execution sale by William Augustus Deane, James Hughes and Joseph Sam on the 14th August, 1928.