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26 of 2002.

[10th August, 2002]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Ebenezer Pentecostal Church Act.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,

“Church” or “Corporation” means the Ebenezer Pentecostal Church constituted under section 3 of this Act;

“property” means property of every description, real or personal, movable or immovable.

Constitution of the Church as a body corporate.

3.—(1) The Ebenezer Pentecostal Church is hereby constituted a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal which may from time to time be altered, and it may by its corporate name sue or be sued, plead or be impleaded in all courts of law, enter into contracts and do all other things necessary for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Church shall have a committee of management made up as follows,

- (a) the President of the Church;
- (b) the Secretary of the Church;
- (c) the Treasurer of the Church; and
- (d) two other Committee members.

Execution of documents.

4. Any deed or other instrument relating to real property or any interest in real property shall be deemed to be fully executed if there is affixed to the deed or other instrument the seal of the Corporation and the signatures of the President and the Treasurer of the Church.

5. The Church shall exercise all of the powers and perform all the functions and duties directed and empowered by the President of the Church and its Committee of Management. General powers of the Church.
6. The Church shall have full power to, Capacity of the Church.
- (a) acquire and hold by purchase, devise or otherwise, property of whatever kind within Belize, and to convey, assign, demise or otherwise dispose of such property;
 - (b) borrow and take up at interest any sum of money for the purpose of erecting or improving churches, schools, dwelling houses, or other buildings, and for that purpose to mortgage by deed under the Church's corporate seal portions of the lands, tenements and hereditaments as may be necessary for securing the repayment of the sum of money with interest;
 - (c) take, hold, employ and invest all such property as they deem advisable, for the purpose of the Church;
 - (d) organize, maintain, carry on, foster, promote and contribute to the support of the Church, education, training, social services, publications and doctrines of the Church; and
 - (e) do all other things deemed necessary, convenient or expedient to the accomplishment of any or all of the powers stated in paragraphs (a) to (d) above.
7. All property belonging to the Church shall vest in the Corporation. Church property to be vested in the Corporation.
- 8.-(1) The Church shall have the power to make by-laws and to alter such by-laws for its own internal management and control. Power to make by-laws.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section, the by-laws may provide for the establishment, membership and functions of sub-committees.

(3) The by-laws made by the Church shall be binding on every member of the Church.

Obedience to the laws of Belize.

9. In proclaiming its doctrines and conducting its affairs, the Church shall obey the laws of Belize and the Belize Constitution, Cap. 4.

Saving of State and other rights.

10. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the Government of Belize, its heirs and successors, or of any other person, except such as is mentioned or referred to in this Act, and those claiming by, through, from or under them.