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AFRICAN RESURRECTION) CHURCH**

9 of 2000.

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Short title.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Ijo Orunmila Ati Orisa (Shrine of African Resurrection) Church Act.

Interpretation.

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

“Corporation” or “Church” means the Ijo Orunmila Ati Orisa (Shrine of African Resurrection) 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 Ijo Orunmila Ati Orisa (Shrine of African Resurrection) 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 and equity.

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

- (a) the Aworo (President) of the Church;
- (b) the Arokin (Secretary) of the Church;
- (c) the Egbe Oja (Treasurer) of the Church; and
- (d) two other committee members.

4. 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.

5. Any deed or other instrument, or any interest therein, shall be deemed or other instrument the seal of the Church and the signatures of any two officers of the committee of management of the Church duly authorized for such purposes.

Execution of documents.

6. The Church shall have full power to,

Capacity of the Church.

(a) acquire and hold by purchase, devise or otherwise, property within Belize and to convey, assign, demise or otherwise dispose of that property;

(b) borrow and take up at interest any sum or sums 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 that money, with interest thereon;

(c) 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

(d) do all other things deemed necessary, convenient or expedient to the accomplishment of any or all of the powers aforesaid.

7. All property belonging to the Church shall be vested in the Corporation.

Church property to be vested in the Corporation.

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

Obedience to the laws of Belize.

Power to make  
by-laws.

**9.** The Church shall have the power to make by-laws and to alter the same for its own internal management and control and such by-laws be binding on every member thereof.

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.