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24 of 2002.

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Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Open Door Believers Chapel Act.

Interpretation.

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

“Corporation” or “Church” means the Open Door Believers Chapel constituted under section 3 of this Act;

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

Constitution of Church as a body corporate.

3.-(1) The Open Door Believers Chapel 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 purpose of this Act.

(2) The Church shall have a Committee of Management made up as follows,

- (a) the Chairperson of the Church;
- (b) the Secretary of the Church;
- (c) the Treasurer of the Church;
- (d) the Chairperson of each sub-committee established under by-laws made under this Act.

Execution of documents.

4. Any deed or other instrument, or any interest therein shall be deemed to be fully executed if there is affixed to that deed 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 the purpose.

5. The Church shall exercise all of the powers and perform all the functions and duties directed and empowered by the Chairperson 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 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 therein;
- (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 vest in the Corporation.

Church property vested in the Corporation.
Power to make by-laws.

8.—(1) 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 shall be binding on every member thereof.

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

Obedience laws of Belize.

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

Savings 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.
