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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CEYLON PENTECOSTAL  
MISSION.

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WHEREAS a Mission founded by the late Pastor P. Paul called and known as the Ceylon Pentecostal Mission has heretofore been established in Ceylon for the purpose of spreading the knowledge of the Christian Religion and establishing and maintaining Christian Churches and other institutions:

Preamble.

And whereas branches of the Ceylon Pentecostal Mission have been established abroad:

And whereas the Headquarters of the Ceylon Pentecostal Mission has always been in Ceylon:

And whereas the purposes aforesaid would be more effectually prosecuted and attained by the incorporation of the said Mission:

And whereas the said Mission has applied to be incorporated and it will be for the public advantage to grant such application:

Be it, therefore, enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Ceylon in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Ceylon Pentecostal Mission Act, No. 21 of 1970.

Short title.

2. (1) From and after the date of the commencement of this Act, the members for the time being of the Ceylon Pentecostal Mission (hereinafter referred to as "the Mission") and such and so many persons as shall after that date be admitted members of the said Mission shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation") with the name of "The Ceylon Pentecostal Mission".

Incorporation of the Ceylon Pentecostal Mission.

(2) The Corporation shall, in the said name and for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, have perpetual succession, and shall and may by the said name sue

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and be sued in all courts and shall and may have and use a common seal with power to break, alter, and renew the same at its discretion.

Rules.

**3.** (1) It shall be lawful for the Mission from time to time at any general meeting of the members, and by a majority of the members present and voting, to make such rules not inconsistent with this Act, as the Mission may deem expedient for all or any of the following purposes:—

- (a) the admission, withdrawal or expulsion of members;
- (b) the powers, duties, functions and conduct of the various Pastors, full-time workers and members of the Mission;
- (c) the procedure to be observed at meetings and in convening meetings and in the transaction of the business of the Mission;
- (d) the administration and management of the property of the Mission;
- (e) generally the management of the affairs and the accomplishment of the objects of the Mission.

(2) All members of the Mission shall at all times be subject to the rules for the time being of the Mission.

Alteration  
of rules.

**4.** No rule made by the Mission at any general meeting shall be altered, amended or rescinded except by the votes of the majority of the members present and voting at any subsequent general meeting.

Power of  
Corporation  
to hold  
property.

**5.** The Corporation shall be able and capable in law to receive and to hold property, both movable and immovable, upon or by virtue of any purchase, grant, gift, or upon or by virtue of any testamentary disposition or otherwise; and all such property shall be held by the Corporation for the purposes of this Act, and subject to the rules for the time being of the said Corporation, with full power (subject to any trust attaching to such property and to the law regulating such trusts) to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same and to invest its funds in such manner as may be necessary or expedient for the furtherance of its objects.

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6. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of three members of the Mission duly authorized for the purpose under the rules thereof, who shall sign their names to the instrument in token of their presence, and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

Seal of  
Corporation.

7. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, or of any body politic or corporate, or of any other persons, except such as are mentioned in this Act, and those claiming by, from, or under them.

Saving of  
rights of  
the Crown.