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AN ACT for the Incorporation of The Lord's Chapel of Jamaica and the vesting of property in the Body so incorporated.

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WHEREAS on the 23rd day of July, 1979 at Duncans in the parish of Trelawny, certain Ministers of the Gospel did agree to act in society for propagating the gospel.

AND WHEREAS in 1984 an organization which came to be known as The Lord's Chapel of Jamaica was formed in order that the laymen of the churches in fellowship with The Lord's Chapel of Jamaica should more effectively participate in the work of the Churches.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient and desirable as inconvenience is likely to be caused and expense is likely to be incurred by reason of changes from time to time connected with the Trustees of The Lord's

Chapel of Jamaica and of the death of the persons in whom the legal ownership of the aforesaid real and personal property is vested unless some remedy be applied to prevent the same and it is therefore expedient and desirable that The Lord's Chapel of Jamaica be created a corporate body with perpetual succession in which all such real and personal property shall be vested and with power to acquire, hold, deal with and dispose of Real and Personal property for the purposes of the Churches from time to time constituting The Lord's Chapel of Jamaica and possessed of the powers conferred by this Law.

BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as The Lord's Chapel of Jamaica (Incorporation and Vesting) Act, 2010.
2. In this Act except where the context otherwise requires—
 - (i) the terms "Corporation" and "Church" shall mean The Lord's Chapel of Jamaica.
 - (ii) the term "Parent Body" shall mean The Lord's Chapel, Incorporated, a Corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Tennessee and having its principal office situate at 3565 Nolensville Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37312 in the United States of America.
3. (i) the persons who from time to time shall hold the several offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer of The Lord's Chapel of Jamaica, are hereby declared, constituted and appointed a Corporation or Body Corporate to have continuance forever and perpetual succession by the name "The Lord's Chapel of Jamaica" and possessed of a corporate seal and by that name may sue or be sued in all courts of this Island.

- (ii) No act or proceeding of the Corporation shall be invalidated by reason of any vacancy of the Body or in any of the offices mentioned in subsection (i) of this section or by any defect in the appointment of any such person to any such office.
- (iii) The seal of the Corporation shall be of such design and pattern as the Corporation may from time to time determine.
- (iv) Upon the recording in the Island Record Office or lodging in the office of Titles of a Certificate under the seal of the Corporation of the Appointment of any person to any office mentioned in subsection (i) of this section the persons named in such Certificate shall be deemed to be holders of the offices named therein until the recording or lodging of a Certificate of the appointment of another person to such office.
- (v) No deed or document purported to be executed by the Corporation shall be of any force or validity unless it be sealed with the Corporation Seal and signed by not less than three (3) members of the Corporation among whom shall be the President and Secretary of The Lord's Chapel.
- (vi) In all matters or things within the province or discretion or subject to the decision control or management of the Corporation the determination of a majority of the members thereof in case unanimity cannot be obtained shall be deemed and taken to be the determination of the said Corporation provided such majority includes the person for the time being holding the office of or acting as President of The Lord's Chapel.
- (vii) In the case of any other Church or Congregation desiring to unite with the Corporation and to unite with the Corporation and to adopt its tenets doctrines and forms of worship and to submit to its jurisdiction, the Corporation

may accept the transfer of the property of such Church to be held subject to the trusts affecting the property vested in the Corporation, and such transfer shall be made by the Trustee of such property under the resolution of such Church or Congregation by the like majorities and in like manner as would authorize a sale of the same lands, or otherwise duly passed in accordance with the rules or practices of such Church or Congregation.

4. (i) All real property in Jamaica mentioned and referred to in the Schedules of this Act now held by or vested in several grantees mentioned in the Schedule as Trustees expressed or implied for the benefit of the Parent Body or for the benefit of The Lord's Chapel Outreach or for the benefit of the several local Congregations or Churches of which it is comprised, together with any other property Real or Personal which is now legally or equitably the property of The Lord's Chapel of Jamaica or of the several location Congregations or Churches of which it is comprised, are hereby transferred to and vested in the Corporation for the same estate and interest and to the same extent to which the same were respectively held by or vested in the said grantees hereinbefore named at the time of the passing of this Act subject to all trusts, mortgages, charges (if any) affecting the same or any part thereof.
- (ii) All property real and personal in the Island of Jamaica bequeathed by Will or otherwise given to The Lord's Chapel of Jamaica shall be held by, and is hereby vested in and shall be deemed to be the property of the said Corporation.
- (iii) In case there shall be any real or personal property held on similar trusts to those mentioned in the Schedule of this Act such property shall be deemed to be vested in the Corporation as from the coming into effect of this Act

upon the same trusts as those referred to in subsection (i) of this section as provided that no such vesting shall take place until—

- (a) the Attorney General shall certify that he is satisfied that (he said property is held similar trusts as aforesaid, and
- (b) the majority of members of the church or congregation affected shall by resolution signify their consent thereto.

5. The Corporation shall have the following powers:—

- (a) to acquire, hold, purchase, receive, lease, possess and enjoy any lands or hereditament whatsoever in fee simple, for leasehold or for any other estate or interest therein and all other property real, personal, or mixed;
- (b) To give, grant, let, charge, improve, develop, exchange, lease, mortgage, sell, convey, assign, dispose of, turn to account, or otherwise deal with all or any of the property both present and future so held or vested or any part thereof;
- (c) to borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as may be thought fit and in particular by issues of debenture or script charged upon all or any of (he property (both present and future) held by or vested in the Corporation and to redeem and pay off such securities;
- (d) to appoint such person or persons as the Attorney or Attorneys of the Corporation either generally or for a limited period and for such purposes and with such powers as may be stated in the Power of Attorney and to revoke any such appointment;
- (e) to make such rules and bye-laws as they shall think fit in order to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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

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