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25 of 2002.

[10th August, 2002]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Presbyterian Church in Belize Act.

Interpretation.

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

“Church” means the Presbyterian Church in Belize constituted under this Act;

“Corporation” means the corporation by the name “Presbyterian Church in Belize” constituted under this Act;

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

Constitution of the Corporation.

3.—(1) The Minister of the Presbyterian Church for the time being, members of the General Assembly of the Church for the time being and their successors in office as such Minister and such members shall be and are hereby constituted a Corporation by the name and style of “The Presbyterian Church in Belize”

(2) The Corporation shall have perpetual succession and a common seal which may from time to time be altered and by the same name it may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of law and equity.

Execution of documents.

4. Any deed or other instrument relating to real property or any interest therein shall be deemed to be fully executed if there is affixed thereto the seal of the Church and signatures of the Minister of the Church and any member of the General Assembly of the Church duly authorized for such purposes.

5. The Corporation shall exercise all the powers and perform all the functions and duties directed and empowered or intended to be performed by its Ministers and General Assembly.

General powers of the Corporation.

6. The Corporation shall have full powers,

Capacity of the Corporation.

- (a) to acquire and hold by purchase, devise or otherwise, property within Belize and to convey, assign, demise or otherwise dispose of such property;
- (b) to take, hold, control, improve, manage, employ, and invest all such property as may be deemed advisable, but only for the purpose of the Corporation;
- (c) to organise, maintain, carry on, foster, promote and contribute to the support of Churches, Missions. Schools, Church and Sunday School publications and Christian worship;
- (d) to borrow and take up interest any sum or sums of money for the purpose of erecting or improving or aiding in erecting or improving churches, manses, dwelling houses or other buildings, and for that purpose to mortgage by deed under the said corporate seal such portions of the lands, tenements and hereditaments as may be necessary for securing the repayment of such moneys, with interest thereon; and
- (e) to 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 .

Vesting of church property.

Obedience to the Laws of Belize.

8. In conducting its Christian doctrines and proclaiming the word of God, the Church shall obey the Belize Constitution, Cap. 4 and the Laws of Belize.

Power to make by-laws.

9. The Corporation shall have 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.

Vesting of property and rights of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland in Belize in the Presbyterian Church in Belize.

10. Upon the coming into force of this Act, all property of whatever kind, rights, liabilities and obligations which immediately before the coming into force of this Act were vested in the Presbyterian Church of Scotland in Belize, shall vest in the Corporation.

Saving of the State and other rights.

11. 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 body politic or corporate 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.

Repeals.

12. The Presbyterian Church Act, Ch. 96, CL 1924, is hereby repealed.