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19 Victoria – Chapter 29

An Act for the incorporation of certain Congregational Churches in this Province. Passed 12th April 1856.

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Whereas certain persons are associated in Churches constituting a religious community holding the principles of the Congregational Union of England and Wales: And whereas sundry Chapels and other Buildings have been erected, and lands purchased or otherwise conveyed or held in trust for the use of such Churches, in several Counties of this Province, or for educational or other benevolent objects in connexion therewith, and inconveniences have been experienced in managing the same by Trustees without being incorporated for that purpose;—

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. Every Board of Trustees of any Chapel, or Seminary for education, and land and buildings held therewith, or of land held for the purpose of erecting any Chapel or Seminary thereon, for the use and benefit of any Congregational Church holding the principles of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, to be hereafter chosen for any such purpose, and their successors, shall be a body corporate, by the name of "The Trustees of the Congregational Chapel," or other property, as the case may be, in the place in which the trust property may be situate, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, power to sue and be sued, a common seal renewable at pleasure, power to hold and receive real and personal estate, and improve, let, sell, or assign the same, or any part thereof, or any interest in or arising out of the same, and make bye laws and exercise such other powers as are conferred by law for the purpose of managing the temporal affairs of the said Chapel or other property, for the benefit of the Church to which the same may belong, or the educational or other objects to which it may be devoted.

2. All Chapels or other property as aforesaid held in trust as aforesaid in any part of this Province, shall be subject to the provisions of this Act, whenever a Board of Trustees to manage the same shall be elected as hereinafter mentioned, and a conveyance thereof shall be made to the Corporation by the existing Trustees, or other party conveying the same; and the said Corporation

shall then hold the same for the purposes aforesaid with as good a title, legal and equitable, as such Trustees had at the time of conveyance.

3. Every such Church, together with the congregation regularly attending and contributing to its funds, by pew-rents or otherwise, may annually at such time and in such manner as each Church shall prescribe by the male members present at any meeting for that purpose, elect any number of Trustees not less than three nor more than nine, from among the male members of the said Church or congregation, or both, who shall continue in office for one year or until others are elected in their stead.

4. Every meeting of the Church or Church and congregation, for any of the purposes aforesaid, shall be called by notice to be given by the Pastor or Minister presiding over the same, or if there be none, by any Deacon thereof, at any usual meeting of the Church for worship or business.

5. Such Trustees may on due notice meet together, and manage the temporal affairs of the Chapel for which they are elected, and the property in connexion therewith, for the benefit of the Church to which the same shall belong.

6. Every educational or other Society as aforesaid may at any annual or other meeting, to be held at any place on notice by post or otherwise, elect from among its members such number of Trustees as may be deemed necessary for the management of the affairs of any Seminary in connexion therewith, who may transact its business, on due notice to be given as aforesaid, or by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose at the same time by the said Trustees.

7. Whenever by this Act any Board of Trustees or number of persons may require to transact any business in connexion with their trust, a majority of those present at the meeting shall be sufficient for the purpose.

8. The annual revenue derived from the rent of lands belonging to any such Church, Seminary, or Society as aforesaid, shall not exceed five hundred pounds.