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AN ACT to provide for the Incorporation of the Church of God of Prophecy, to vest certain lands therein and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

WHEREAS the Church of God of Prophecy is an international fellowship of Christian Believers with international headquarters at Bible Place, Cleveland, Tennessee, United States of America;

WHEREAS the Church of God of Prophecy has been serving the people of Antigua and Barbuda since 1950; and

WHEREAS the Church acquired lands and built churches and currently there are eight other churches affiliated to the Church of God of Prophecy throughout Antigua and Barbuda; and

WHEREAS the Church has continued its programme of expanding its ministry and providing educational programmes and social activities training through its local headquarters located in Rowan Henry Street, Gambles; and

WHEREAS lands and hereditaments have been at different times conveyed in trust for the purposes of said Church and its constituents, or are now beneficially held, used, occupied or enjoyed for such purposes by the same, or the officials or members thereof and

WHEREAS it is desirable and expedient that the Church of God of Prophecy shall have the right to acquire, hold, deal with and dispose of movable and immovable property in Antigua and Barbuda for the purposes of the Church of God of Prophecy.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Church of God of Prophecy (Incorporation) Act, 2018

2. Incorporation

The Church of God of Prophecy is hereby constituted a body corporate under the name and title of “The Church of God Of Prophecy” with perpetual succession and a common seal and with power and authority by that name to sue and be sued, to acquire and to hold real and personal property for all purposes connected of the Church of God of Prophecy

in Antigua and Barbuda and with power to sell, mortgage, alienate, leases, exchange or otherwise dispose of the said property.

3. Execution of leases, transfers, contracts by Church

All deeds of conveyance or re-conveyance, documents by mortgages, charges, assignments or other deeds and documents whatsoever and all powers of attorney and all notarial instruments required to be executed by the said Church of God of Prophecy shall be deemed sufficiently executed if sealed with its common seal and subscribed by the District Overseer of the Church of God of Prophecy for the time being and such execution shall be valid and effectual at law.

4. Vesting

All real and personal property in Antigua and Barbuda now held by or vested in any person on behalf of the Church of God of Prophecy in Antigua and Barbuda are hereby transferred to and vested in the Church of God of Prophecy and its successors for the same estates and interest and to the extent to which the same were respectively at the time of passing of this Act held or vested as aforesaid, subject to the rights, reservations and charges if any, now affecting the same and the trusts upon which the same are now held, without conveyance, transfer or assignment.

Saving

Nothing in this Act contained shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of Her Majesty, her heirs and successors or any body, politic or corporate of any other person except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from or under them.

Passed by the House of Representatives
on the day of 2018.

Passed by the Senate on the
day of 2018.

Speaker

President

Clerk to the House of Representative

Clerk to the Senate

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Bill is to provide for the Incorporation of the Church of God of Prophecy, and to vest certain lands therein.

The Church of God of Prophecy was established in Antigua in September 1950 and currently has 8 congregations, (six English speaking and two Spanish speaking), with local headquarters located on Rowan Henry Street, Gambles, St. Johns, Antigua.

Hon. Samantha N. Marshall
Minister with responsibility for
Ecclesiastical Affairs