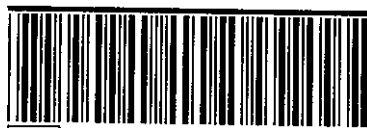




COMPANIES HOUSE

This form must be completed for all
'Place of Business' registrations.
(See note below for re-registration
from a 'Branch')

This form should be completed in black



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COMPANIES HOUSE 17/04/97

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Return and declaration delivered for registration of a place of business of an overseas company

(Pursuant to section 691 of the Companies Act 1985)

Previous branch number
(if applicable)

Company name

Country of incorporation

For official
use only

FC 20270

NATIONAL EVANGELICAL SPIRITUAL
BAPTIST FAITH ARCHDIOCESE INCORPORATED
Republic OF TRINIDAD and TOBAGO

Address of place of business in
Great Britain

233 KILBURN PARK ROAD

Post town LONDON

County / Region

Postcode NW 6 5LG

Either

Constitution of the company

(See notes 1 and 2)
(A certified English translation must
be included)

* Delete as applicable

Mark appropriate box(es)

A certified copy of the

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Instrument(s) constituting or defining the constitution of
the company; and



A certified translation

* is/are delivered for registration

The company must deliver
certified copies of its
constitutional documents
(with certified translations),
and the particulars of the
company's directors and
secretary.

However, if the company is
closing a branch registration
and effecting a place of business
registration, it may rely on the
documents or the particulars of
the directors and secretary
previously filed in
that part of Great Britain, provided
any relevant alterations to those
documents have been updated
on the register.

OR

The

#



The constitutional documents (and a certified translation *)

* and / or



Particulars of the current directors and secretary(ies)

were previously delivered in respect of a branch of the company
registered at this registry

Branch Number

Directors (See notes 3, 4 and 5)

Name *Style/Title
Forenames
Surname
*Honours etc
Previous forenames
Previous surname

Address

Usual residential address must be given.
In the case of a corporation, give the
registered or principal office address.

(See note 5)

Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

CD ARCHBISHOP
CLARENCE
BAIDEN
FRC; DRS, M + E; RW; RMN
5 RILEY TERRACE, EAST DRY
RIVER, T
Post town PORT OF SPAIN
County/Region
Postcode Country TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
Date of birth **DO** 21 11 37 Nationality **NA** TRINIDADIAN
OC MINISTER OF RELIGION
OD

Name *Style/Title
Forenames
Surname
*Honours etc
Previous forenames
Previous surname

Address

Usual residential address must be given.
In the case of a corporation, give the
registered or principal office address.

(See note 5)

Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

CD ARCHBISHOP
EDMUND
GILBERT
SPRINGS, ST GEORGES, GRENADA.
5 RILEY TERRACE, EAST DRY RIVER
Post town PORT OF SPAIN
County/Region
Postcode Country TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
Date of birth **DO** 06 03 41 Nationality **NA** GRENADIAN
OC MINISTER OF RELIGION
OD

* Voluntary details

The Archbishop is responsible for Grenada Diocese

Person(s) authorised *(continued)*

List of some one or more persons resident in Great Britain authorised to accept on the company's behalf service of process and any notice required to be served on it.

Style/Title*Forenames****Surname****Address**MOTHERNORMADELLMS KENZIE107 LEIGHAM COURT ROAD
STREATHAMPost town LONDON

County/Region _____

Postcode

SW16***Style/Title****Forenames****Surname****Address**BISHOPDAVIDBRISFERT69 GIRDLESTONE WALKPost town LONDON

County/Region _____

Postcode

N19 5DN***Style/Title****Forenames****Surname****Address**

Post town _____

County/Region _____

Postcode _____

Style/Title*Forenames****Surname****Address**

Post town _____

County/Region _____

Postcode _____

***Voluntary details**

Declaration (See note 8)

Full name and address

I REV. J. WILLIAMS, JUDITH STEPHANIE

of (address) 233 KILBURN PARK ROAD

LONDON NW6 5LG

† delete as applicable

a ~~director~~† secretary† person authorised to accept on the company's behalf service of process or any notices required to be served on it, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the company established its place of business in Great Britain on

29 03 93

(enter date)

and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Signed



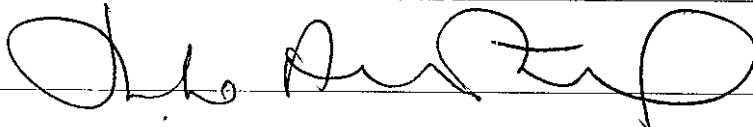
Declared at 140 KILBURN HIGH ROAD

LONDON NW6 4JD

the 16TH day of APRIL

one thousand nine hundred and NINETY SEVEN

before me



A Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public or Justice of the Peace or Solicitor having the powers conferred on a Commissioner for Oaths. (See note 8)

J. D. SPICER & CO
SOLICITORS
140 KILBURN HIGH ROAD
LONDON NW6 4JD
Telephone 071-624 7771

Number of continuation sheets attached

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To whom should Companies House direct any enquiries about the information on this form?

REVEREND JUDITH WILLIAMS

233 KILBURN PARK ROAD

LONDON

Postcode NW6 5LG

Telephone 0171 372 5475

Extension _____

Please ensure the form is fully completed and then send it to the Registrar of Companies at

(See note 9)

Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff CF4 3UZ
for companies establishing a place of business in England and Wales
Companies House, 37 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EB
for companies establishing a place of business in Scotland

Company Secretary(ies)*(See notes 4 and 6)***Name** *Style/Title

Forenames

Surname

*Honours etc

Previous forenames

Previous surname

Address

Usual residential address must be given.
In the case of a corporation, give the
registered or principal office address.

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BISHOP

FEDERICA

MANSWELL-EWING

SEN; VOM

MANSWELL

AD

LOT 111 VALENCIA DRIVE, TRINCITY,

5 RILEY TERRACE, EAST DRY RIVER

Post town PORT OF SPAIN

County/Region

Postcode

Country TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Name *Style/Title

Forenames

Surname

*Honours etc

Previous forenames

Previous surname

Address

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registered or principal office address.

CS

REVEREND

JUDITH

WILLIAMS

AD

233 KILBURN PARK ROAD

Post town LONDON

County/Region

Postcode NW6 5LG

Country ENGLAND

Person(s) authorised

List of some one or more
persons resident in Great
Britain authorised to accept
on the company's behalf
service of process and any
notice required to be
served on it.

*Style/Title

Forenames

Surname

Address

REVEREND TEACHER

JUDITH

WILLIAMS

233 KILBURN PARK ROAD

Post town LONDON

County/Region

Postcode NW6 5LG

*Voluntary details

Notes

- 1 The copy of the instrument constituting or defining the constitution of the company must be certified in the place of incorporation of the company to be a true copy:—
 - (a) by an official of the Government to whose custody the original is committed; or
 - (b) by a notary public; or
 - (c) by an officer of the company on oath taken before:
 - (i) a person having authority in that place to administer an oath; or
 - (ii) any of the British officials mentioned in section 6 of the Commissioners for Oaths Act 1889.
- 2 The translation of the instrument must be certified to be a correct translation:—
 - (a) if the translation was made in the United Kingdom, by
 - (i) a notary public in any part of the United Kingdom;
 - (ii) a solicitor (if the translation was made in Scotland), a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature of England and Wales (if it was made in England or Wales), or a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland (if it was made in Northern Ireland); or
 - (iii) a person certified by a person mentioned above to be known to him to be competent to translate the document into English; or
 - (b) if the translation was made outside the United Kingdom, by
 - (i) a notary public;
 - (ii) a person authorised in the place where the translation was made to administer an oath;
 - (iii) any of the British officials mentioned in section 6 of the Commissioners for Oaths Act 1889;
 - (iv) a person certified by a person mentioned above to be known to him to be competent to translate the document into English.
- 3 'Director' includes any person who occupies the position of a director, by whatever name called.
- 4 Show for an individual the full forenames NOT INITIALS and surname together with any previous forenames or surname(s).

If the director or secretary is a corporation or Scottish firm - show the corporate or firm name on the surname line.

Give previous forenames or surname except that:

 - for a married woman, the name by which she was known before marriage need not be given,
 - names not used since the age of 18 or for at least 20 years need not be given.

In the case of a peer, or an individual usually known by a British title, you may state the title instead of or in addition to the forenames and surname and you need not give the name by which that person was known before he or she adopted the title or succeeded to it.
- Address:

Give the usual residential address.

In the case of a corporation or Scottish firm give the registered or principal office.
- 5 In the case of an individual who has a business occupation, this occupation should be named. In the case of an individual who has no business occupation but who holds other directorships, particulars should be given of them.
- 6 Where all the partners in a firm are joint secretaries, only the firm name and its principal office need be given.
- 7 Use photocopies of the relevant section(s) of this form to provide details of additional directors, joint secretaries or persons authorised,
- 8 If made in a foreign country the declaration may be made before any British official mentioned in section 6 of the Commissioners for Oaths Act 1889 or, before any person having authority to administer an oath in that country.
- 9 If the company establishes a place of business in England and Wales AND in Scotland whether at the same time or not a separate form must be sent to each Registrar.

Directors (See notes 3, 4 and 5)**Name** *Style/Title

Forenames

Surname

*Honours etc

Previous forenames

Previous surname

Address

Usual residential address must be given.
In the case of a corporation, give the
registered or principal office address.

Post town

County/Region

Postcode

Country

Date of birth

DO

Nationality

NA

(See note 5)

Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

OC**OD****Name**

*Style/Title

Forenames

Surname

*Honours etc

Previous forenames

Previous surname

Address

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registered or principal office address.

Post town

County/Region

Postcode

Country

Date of birth

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Nationality

NA

(See note 5)

Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

OC**OD**

* Voluntary details

Directors (See notes 3, 4 and 5)**Name** *Style/Title

Forenames

Surname

*Honours etc

Previous forenames

Previous surname

Address

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registered or principal office address.

Date of birth

(See note 5)

Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

CD

BISHOP

FEDERICA

MANSWELL-EWING

SEN; VOM.

MANSWELL

AD

LOT III VALENCIA DRIVE, TRINITY

NO. 5 RILEY TERRACE, EAST DRY RIVER

Post town PORT OF SPAIN

County/Region

Postcode

Country TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

DO

116111319

Nationality

NA

TRINIDADIAN

OC

MINISTER OF RELIGION

OD**Name**

*Style/Title

Forenames

Surname

*Honours etc

Previous forenames

Previous surname

Address

Usual residential address must be given.
In the case of a corporation, give the
registered or principal office address.

Date of birth

(See note 5)

Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

CD**AD****DO****OC****OD**

Post town

County/Region

Postcode

Country

Nationality

NA

* Voluntary details

Directors (See notes 3, 4 and 5)

Name *Style/Title

Forenames

Surname

*Honours etc

Previous forenames

Previous surname

Address

Usual residential address must be given.
In the case of a corporation, give the
registered or principal office address.

Date of birth

(See note 5)

Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

CD BISHOP

CARLOTTA

JOHN

AD

NO. 5 RILEY TERRACE, EAST DRY RIVER

Post town PORT OF SPAIN

County/Region

Postcode Country TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

DO 013 017 417 Nationality **NA** TRINIDADIAN**OC** MINISTER OF RELIGION**OD**

Name *Style/Title

Forenames

Surname

*Honours etc

Previous forenames

Previous surname

Address *

* Usual residential address must be given.
In the case of a corporation, give the
registered or principal office address.

Date of birth

(See note 5)

Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

CD BISHOP

REUBEN

RODNEY

AD BULLER TRACE, LAVANTILLE

NO. 5 RILEY TERRACE, EAST DRY RIVER

Post town PORT OF SPAIN

County/Region

Postcode Country TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

DO 219 013 210 Nationality **NA** TRINIDADIAN**OC** MINISTER OF RELIGION**OD**

* Voluntary details

Directors (See notes 3, 4 and 5)

Name *Style/Title
Forenames
Surname
*Honours etc
Previous forenames
Previous surname

Address

Usual residential address must be given.
In the case of a corporation, give the
registered or principal office address.

(See note 5) { Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

CD	REVEREND
	FITZROY
	CONNEL
AD	
	NO. 5 RILEY TERRACE, EAST DRY RIVER
Post town	PORT OF SPAIN
County/Region	
Postcode	
Country	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
Date of birth	DO 2140925
Nationality	NA TRINIDADIAN
	OC MINISTER OF RELIGION
	OD

Name *Style/Title
Forenames
Surname
*Honours etc
Previous forenames
Previous surname

Address

Usual residential address must be given.
In the case of a corporation, give the
registered or principal office address.

(See note 5) { Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

CD	BISHOP
	CARL
	SMITH
AD	
	NO. 5 RILEY TERRACE, EAST DRY RIVER
Post town	PORT OF SPAIN
County/Region	
Postcode	
Country	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
Date of birth	DO 216112510
Nationality	NA TRINIDADIAN
	OC MINISTER OF RELIGION
	OD

* Voluntary details

Directors (See notes 3, 4 and 5)

Name *Style/Title
Forenames
Surname
*Honours etc
Previous forenames
Previous surname

Address

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registered or principal office address.

Date of birth

(See note 5)

Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

CD	BISHOP
	RUBY
	HUNT
AD	5 RILEY TERRACE
	EAST DRY RIVER
Post town	PORT OF SPAIN
County/Region	
Postcode	
Country	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
DO	280932
Nationality	NA TRINIDADIAN
OC	MINISTER OF RELIGION
OD	

Name *Style/Title
Forenames
Surname
*Honours etc
Previous forenames
Previous surname

Address

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✓ In the case of a corporation, give the
registered or principal office address.

Date of birth

(See note 5)

Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

* Voluntary details

CD	MOTHER SUPERIOR, BISHOP
	EUDORA
	THOMAS
AD	GREEN STREET, TUNAPUNA.
	✓ NO. 5 RILEY TERRACE, EAST DRY RIVER
Post town	PORT OF SPAIN
County/Region	
Postcode	
Country	TRINIDAD
DO	090333
Nationality	NA TRINIDADIAN
OC	MINISTER OF RELIGION
OD	

Directors (See notes 3,4 and 5)

Name *Style/Title
Forenames
Surname
*Honours etc
Previous forenames
Previous surname

Address

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In the case of a corporation, give the
registered or principal office address.

Date of birth

(See note 5) { Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

CD BISHOP
VIOLET
WILLIAMS
MORALDO
AD
No. 5 RILEY TERRACE, EAST DRY RIVER
Post town PORT OF SPAIN
County/Region
Postcode Country TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
DO 115 013 115 Nationality NA TRINIDADIAN
OC MINISTER OF RELIGION
OD

Name *Style/Title
Forenames
Surname
*Honours etc
Previous forenames
Previous surname

Address

Usual residential address must be given.
In the case of a corporation, give the
registered or principal office address.

Date of birth

(See note 5) { Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

CD BISHOP
EPHRAIM
EWING
Lot III VALENCIA DRIVE, TRINITY
No. 5 RILEY TERRACE, EAST DRY RIVER
Post town PORT OF SPAIN
County/Region
Postcode Country TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
DO 213 110 213 Nationality NA TRINIDADIAN
OC MINISTER OF RELIGION
OD

* Voluntary details

Directors (See notes 3, 4 and 5)

Name *Style/Title

Forenames

Surname

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Previous forenames

Previous surname

Address

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Date of birth

(See note 5)

Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

CD BISHOP

HERBERT MICHAEL

TOPPIN

AIRTE ; AMCIT

AD 28 ARCHIBALD STREET, VISTABELLA.

No. 5 RILEY TERRACE, EAST DRY RIVER

Post town PORT OF SPAIN

County/Region

Postcode Country TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

DO 2 9 0 9 3 6 Nationality **NA** TRINIDADIAN**OC****OD**

Name *Style/Title

Forenames

Surname

*Honours etc

Previous forenames

Previous surname

Address

Usual residential address must be given.
In the case of a corporation, give the
registered or principal office address.

Date of birth

(See note 5)

Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

CD ARCHBISHOP

MOSES

SIMON

AD No. 5 RILEY TERRACE, EAST DRY

RIVER

Post town PORT OF SPAIN

County/Region

Postcode Country TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

DO 1 5 0 6 3 0 Nationality **NA** TRINIDADIAN**OC** MINISTER OF RELIGION**OD**

* Voluntary details

The Archbishop is assigned to the Church in New York

Directors (See notes 3, 4 and 5)

Name *Style/Title
Forenames
Surname
*Honours etc
Previous forenames
Previous surname

Address *
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registered or principal office address.

(See note 5) {
Date of birth
Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

CD BISHOP
DEAINSTAN
SYLVESTER
*
AD LAVANTILLE EXT. ROAD, SAN JUAN
No. 5 RILEY TERRACE EAST RIVER
Post town PORT OF SPAIN
County/Region
Postcode Country TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
DO 119 015 312 Nationality NA TRINIDADIAN
OC MINISTER OF RELIGION
OD

Name *Style/Title
Forenames
Surname
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Previous forenames
Previous surname

Address *
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registered or principal office address.

(See note 5) {
Date of birth
Business occupation
(if any). If none
other directorships.

* Voluntary details

CD BISHOP
WILMA
ISAAC
*
AD ALDANA STREET, PRINCES TOWN
No. 5 RILEY TERRACE, EAST DRY RIVER
Post town PORT OF SPAIN
County/Region
Postcode Country TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
DO 013 110 315 Nationality NA TRINIDADIAN
OC MINISTER OF RELIGION
OD

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**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION
OF AN OVERSEA COMPANY**

(Establishment of a place of business)

Company No. FC020270

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales hereby certifies that

NATIONAL EVANGELICAL SPIRITUAL BAPTIST FAITH
ARCHDIOCESE INCORPORATED

has this day been registered under Section 691 of the Companies Act
1985 as having established a place of business in England and Wales

Given at Companies House, Cardiff, the 23rd April 1997

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E. Morgan'.

For The Registrar Of Companies



C O M P A N I E S H O U S E

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I BISHOP HERBERT TOPPIN OF 28 ARCHIBALD STREET, VISTABELLA, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:-

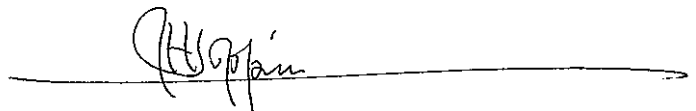
1. I am a Director of National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Archdiocese Incorporated (hereinafter called "the Brotherhood").
2. I am empowered and authorised by the Brotherhood to make this Declaration.
3. I am a Bishop of the Brotherhood which is a Church and therefore religious organisation.
4. Pursuant to S 30 Sub Section 3 of the Companies Act 1985 I require that the word "Limited" is excluded from the title of National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Archdiocese on the grounds that this is a religious organisation.

Declared by the above named


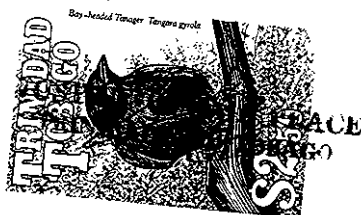
BISHOP HERBERT TOPPIN

at 

this 7th day of February, 1997



before me



**JUSTICE OF THE PEAC.
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I **HERBERT TOPPIN** of **28 Archibald Street, Vistabella, San Fernando**, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in the Caribbean, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:-

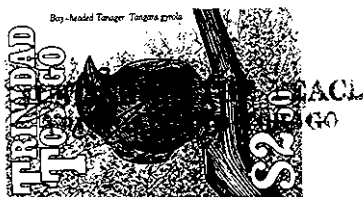
1. I am a Minister of Religion holding the Office of Bishop.
2. I am a Director and a Member of the Board of Trustees of the National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Archdiocese Incorporated, representative of All Shouters (hereinafter called "the Brotherhood").
3. I am empowered and authorised by the National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Archdiocese Incorporated to make this Declaration.
4. I hereby certify that this a true copy of the Original Constitution of the National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Archdiocese Incorporated (Representative of the Shouters) hereinafter called the Brotherhood. And I make this solemn Declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act **..1935**. Declared by the above named

BISHOP HERBERT TOPPIN

at *San Fernando*

Herbert Toppin

this *7th* day of February, 1997



Before me

Justice of the Peace

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I BISHOP HERBERT TOPPIN of 233 Kilburn Park Road London NW6 5LG do solemnly and sincerely declare that:-

1. I am a director of National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Archdiocese Incorporated (hereinafter called "the Brotherhood").
2. I am empowered and authorised by the Brotherhood to make this Declaration.
3. There is now produced and shown to me marked "HT1" a copy of the constitution of the Brotherhood and I hereby certify the same as a true copy.

AND I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the statutory Declarations Act 1935.

Declared by the above named
BISHOP HERBERT TOPPIN

at 140 Kilburn High Road
London NW6 4JD

this 19th day of November 1996

HToppin (Bishop)

Before me

Julie Armstrong
JULIE ARMSTRONG
Solicitor.

J. D. SPICER & CO
SOLICITORS
140 KILBURN HIGH ROAD
LONDON NW6 4JD
Telephone 071-624 7771

Telephone 021-884 3331
LONDON N.W.6 4TD
FOR MORE INFORMATION

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I BISHOP HERBERT TOPPIN of 233 Kilburn Park Road London NW6 5LG do solemnly and sincerely declare that:-

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Declared by the above named
BISHOP HERBERT TOPPIN

at 140 Kilburn High Road
London NW6 4JD

this 15th day of November 1996

Toppin (Bishop)

before me

J. D. SPICER & CO
SOLICITORS
140 KILBURN HIGH ROAD
LONDON NW6 4JD
Telephone 071-624 7771

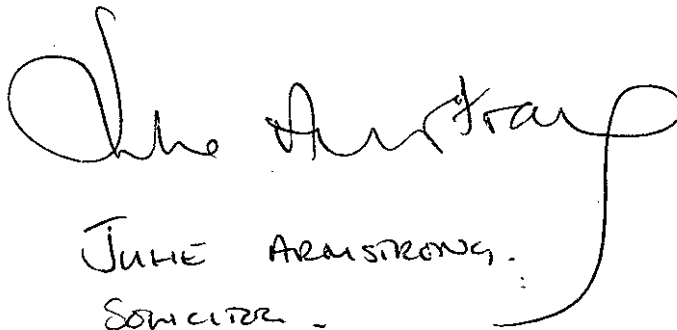
Julie Armstrong
Julie ARMSTRONG,
Solicitor

Telephone 021-324 1771
LONDON W4S 4JD
QACR HIGH WHEELER LTD
10 MILLER HIGH ROAD
FINCHLEY
CO & REGD OFF

EXHIBIT "HT1"

This is the exhibit marked "HT1" referred to in the Statutory Declaration of BISHOP HERBERT TOPPIN declared on the 19th day of November 1996

Before me;


JULIE ARMSTRONG.
Solicitor

J. D. SPICER & CO
SOLICITORS
140 KILBURN HIGH ROAD
LONDON NW6 4JD
Telephone 071-624 7771

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NATIONAL EVANGELICAL SPIRITUAL BAPTIST FAITH ARCHDIOCESE INCORPORATED

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INTRODUCTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL EVANGELICAL SPIRITUAL BAPTIST FAITH ARCHDIOCESE

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The *National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Archdiocese Incorporated*, is a spiritual, disciplined, humanitarian, charitable, educational, constructive and industrious body, working for the general upliftment of the less fortunate people of the Baptist Faith commonly called "Shouters" who were persecuted by the infamous Shouters Prohibition Ordinance of 1917, Cap. 4, Sec. 19 which was repealed in 1951, March 30th.

As a result of Petition of Archbishop Elton George Griffith to the Legislative Council of Trinidad and Tobago in *See Hansard* of

The members of this Faith shall be united under One God, One Faith, One Baptism in Jesus Christ Our Lord, in the glorious hope of the resurrection.

The Anthem shall be Hymn 150 "*O For a Faith That Will Not shrink*".

The Oath of Office shall be:

In the name of God Almighty,

We/I solemnly pledge to preserve the Faith for the redemption of sinners, to defend the constitution of the Faith, its aims and objects and purposes, at all times, inasmuch as Thou hast called us to the faith, Eternal Father.

I/We also pledge to do all in my/our power to conserve the rights of our Noble Faith and to preserve and respect the ancient traditional sacred teachings of our ancestors and the rights of all mankind, believing always in the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of man.

I/We also swear to make devoted mourners and fasters, see about the sanctification of our baptisms, and strive towards a closer union amongst Baptists and Christians in general; with Divine Inspiration, to bring to effect, abide under the rules, and keep the Faith in which we believe, One God, One Baptism, One Resurrection and One Society of welfare among ourselves.

I/We solemnly swear this, under the Thunder of Horeb, this day of
in the year of Our Lord 19

NAME

This Archdiocese is a separate and distinct body governed by the Hierarchy of the Supreme Archdiocese, under the supervision of the *Archbishop, Elton George Griffith*, who founded it in the year of Our Lord Nineteen hundred and forty five, on *March 26th* at 41 Prince Street, in the City of Port of Spain in the Territory of Trinidad and Tobago, and officially assented to by the Senate and people of the Nation on the *28th July, 1964* (See Bill to provide for the Incorporation of the Trustees of the *National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith, Act. No. 21 of 1964*).

The Archdiocese hereinafter referred to as the Brotherhood, shall be known as the *National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Archdiocese Inc.* and all Church and other property, goods, chattels etc., are by virtue of the member and affiliateship vested in the Incorporated Trustees of the organisation. *See Act 21. 3.*

The Brotherhood referred to above is subordinate to, and derives its existence from:-

- (1) Almighty God, creator of all things visible and invisible beside whom there is no other God.
- (2) Jesus Christ, Mediator, Saviour, Advocate of mankind and Messiah, Messenger of God, founder of the Christian Faith; in the succession of the Patriarchs and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
- (3) The existing Archbishop, Board of Trustees, and Directors and their successors in office.

NATURE AND COMPOSITION OF CONTROLLING AUTHORITY

- (1) Elton George Griffith D.D. (Hon.) Archbishop & Founder
- (2) James Sheppard Cadogan V.D.M. Judicial and General Secretary
- (3) Clarence Baisden A. D.R.S., R.M.N., S.R.N., Bishop
- (4) The Registered Incorporated Trustees and their successors in office
- (5) Elaine Gumbs Treasurer

The original Archdiocese known as the West Indian Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Church Society was established on the *26th March, 1945* at George, Street Port of Spain.

All matters within the official cognizance and concern of the Archdiocese are divided into three classes.

- (1) Doctrinal
- (2) Ritualistic
- (3) Administrative (a) Legislative
(b) Judicial

The Doctrinal section shall be responsible to the Archbishop who shall, or may at his discretion assign some sections of this work to the General Secretary, Bishop, or other Suffragans, or such persons, suitably qualified as he may deem fit to appoint from time to time; and may assign also certain phases of the work to other officers and members of the body.

Rituals may be shaped and performed by the Archbishop and such officers as he may appoint, or his successors in office may appoint from time to time.

Administrative matters affecting the members of the Brotherhood shall be directed by the Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors and the Security Council with the Archbishop as Supervisor, in accordance with such rules and regulations as the legislative and Judicial Bodies may from time to time adopt in keeping with the Spirit and purposes and ideals of the Brotherhood. All decrees, Resolutions rules and regulations issued by the Brotherhood bearing the signatures of the Archbishop, and members of the Board of Trustees, shall be legal and binding on all members of the Brotherhood.

THE DOCTRINAL BASIS AND STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE BROTHERHOOD SHALL BE:-

- (1) The Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of man.
- (2) The Bible, our chief authority in all doctrinal and religious matters, and the Holy Spirit as sole guide in matters spiritual. The sayings of Jesus Christ and the Apostolic Succession as Guide and Chart for the Complete life of all members.
- (3) We believe that there is no sound doctrine except that which conforms to the Word of God, and no explanation is correct, but that which is explained and clarified by other Biblical texts.
- (4) We believe that Christ is the Divine Logos. The Word made flesh and in His sayings and those of the Prophets and Apostles, constitute the perfect revelation of Our Father God. Therefore we believe in the Supernatural Spiritual Authority of the Holy Scriptures in the Old and New Testaments and declared them to contain all the revelation of God necessary for God's glory and man's salvation, the rule, guide, chart and compass for the perfect life in Christ.

We believe that there is one indivisible God, Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent, and Omniexistent who has expressed these qualities as Father, Son and Holy Spirit to the limited consciousness and intelligence of man in his present state of sin and darkness of vision, and that the Three persons of expressions of the Godhead are good, loving, just, merciful, powerful, wise, infinitely understanding to the highest possible degree.

We believe that in love for us and all mankind, this all powerful, all loving God became incarnate in His Son and entering fully through conception, birth and human growth, fully partook of all human experience, being tempted as we are in all points, yet without sin. Then after an exemplary life of perfect obedience, died instead of mankind, satisfying Divine justice, and by His sacrificial death made perfect atonement for all the sins of man, that He arose from the state of death, and ascended to heaven, continually lives in the presence of the Father, Our Great High Priest and Mediator interceding for us.

We believe that for man to attain salvation he must accept this sacrificial substitutionary death as sufficient atonement, and must believe completely and without reservation in Jesus Christ as Saviour Lord and Mediator whose grace is sufficient and whose suffering for our sins, needs no duplication, having once been sufficiently offered to the satisfaction of the GODHEAD.

We believe that God is the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe, known and unknown, (In Him all things consist) that the Holy Spirit is Comforter, Instructor in righteousness who regenerates and sanctifies the Church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that the devil, Satan who is our adversary is the father of all disobedience and rebellion. He was the anointed cherub of wrong, the Son of the morning who because of his disobedient rebellious nature was cast out of Heaven with one third of all the angels who together with him introduced and continue to propagate sin in the world and that he will be completely destroyed by God at the close of this world's system and age in the lake of fire.

We accept and subscribe to the belief that this Satan deceived our first parents into disobedience, causing man to inherit the gene of sin which is transmitted by heredity to all men, bringing death, the only remedy for which is Salvation through total belief in Jesus Christ.

We believe that Christ will come again actually, literally and really, that His coming will be universally visible to all men bringing to complete and sin and its products.

We believe the Ten Commandments are the inviolable immutable irrevocable law of God, the same yesterday, today and forever a perfect moral law obedience to which is incumbent on all men.

We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, who are unconscious in the grave until the coming of Christ, that the wages of sin is death. That after death there will be a final judgement and after this a new heaven and earth wherein dwelleth righteousness will be expressed from God.

We believe that Spiritual Retreats are necessary for man to examine his conscience, and search his soul. That in these retreats many revelations may come to man, but that only these which conform to God's revelation need be used in the life of the believer. That this period of retreat must consist of prayers, partial or complete fasting, meditation, singing of praise, and giving full and complete expression to joy in the Lord and thanksgiving for periods each year or from three to forty days, commonly from seven to fourteen days.

We believe in Baptism by Immersion after acceptance of Christ Jesus as personal Saviour and confession and forsaking of sin inasmuch as human frailty will allow and that this rite is an outward visible token of conversion and acceptance of Christ, and the beginning of a new Christian life of constant forsaking of sin striving towards Christlikeness.

And we believe, that the candidate shall be immersed in water completely using this formula: I Baptise you in the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Any other form of Baptism of adults is to us repugnant, and quite unacceptable. We may also believe that this rite should be the completion of a night or three nights of prayer, fasting and meditation, due to the seriousness and spiritual significance of this step which can be taken only once in the life of a believer.

We believe in the spiritual Baptism of the Holy Ghost and praying for this Baptism, which we feel is outwardly demonstrated by the gifts of tongues, healing, revelation, and other gifts of the Holy Spirit as mentioned in the Bible.

We believe finally that all believers must keep the body temple in sound physical health, and mind and conscience free and inviolate without fear of dictatorship by the Church or State. We believe in Missions, Community Activities, Education and peace with all mankind.

PRACTICES AND CUSTOMS

The traditions and practices of mourning, Baptism in living water and fasting, and the use of such articles both material and pertaining to language as are given through the manifestation of the Spirit, and inspiration shall be permitted together with shouting, singing, clapping of hands and making of such noises whether by vocal or otherwise and together with ringing of bells, beating of drums, organs, and other musical instruments e.g., as the Spirit gives utterance. The using of incense, various colour candles, wooden staves and rods, chalk marks, bands, head gears, and also the use of perfumes, oils, consecrated water, unguents, flowers, spices, and such other things as have been used by converted people Shouters and Spiritual Baptist generally in their worship and rites.

We further believe in bathing the dead, and the living with the leaves of the trees for the healing of the nation. (*See Rev. 22 Chapter*), (*See Exo. Ch. 30, verse 1 to 3*).

JUDICIAL POWERS

The Judicial Powers of the Archdiocese, its Security Council, Judicial Body and its Board of Trustees shall be as follows:

- (1) Those which are intended to settle controversies or perplexities between subordinate Churches and their membership or between any officer of the Archdiocese and Associate Churches, Affiliate Churches, and the membership of the same.
- (2) Rev.
- (3) Discipline, and investigation of infringements of Rules and Regulations and the Constitution.
- (4) To hold Court for taking disciplinary action against Ministers for infringement of the said above mentioned Constitution; to expel, suspend, or fine that member or group of members in keeping with the principles of natural justice.

Natural Justice through our Organisational Tribunals as administrative tribunals are not required to conform to judicial standards, it is free to work out its own procedures. Nevertheless, in exercising its judicial functions, it must observe the rules of natural justice. There must be no bias and both sides must be heard from, either verbally or in writing though there is no inherent right to legal representation. The Archdiocese herein forbids its members seeking redress in legal Courts, for matters involving grievances and complaints either against its administration, or any financial member or members of any Affiliate Church, upon pain or expulsion until such member has exhausted his rights of appeal and has not been given due satisfaction in the Established Councils of the Brotherhood, except in cases of felony or capital charges.

AMENDMENTS, REVISIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

The power to amend this Constitution is vested in and reserved to the controlling authority of the Archdiocese.

Revisions and modifications may be made from time to time as the need may arise and the occasion warrant, for the disciplining of members, provided that the modification revision or amendment introduces no overly primitive measure, repugnant to law and human justice, or the tenets of the Christian Faith in the Bible.

AIMS AND OBJECTS

- (1) To provide all people with a proper understanding of the Christian Faith as taught and understood by the Spiritual Baptist Faith.

- (2) To train and Ordain Ministers for Evangelism of the world.
- (3) To govern with justice the members of the Brotherhood, and to represent all Shouters, and needy persons who have perplexing problems, whether doctrinal, legal or domestic.
- (4) To protect the membership from exploitation, injustice, dehumanisation and such acts and practices as are repugnant to justice and the commands of God.
- (5) To obey the laws of the land, and the existing Government and to teach this principle, and encourage it in the membership wherever possible and practical.
- (6) To develop flexibility of out look, and keep an open mind to new and old forms of worship, in keeping with the distinctive gifts and prompting of the "Spirit".

In pursuit of the above, and for their implementation this Body is formed.

ARTICLE (1) NAME

As heretofore stated the Name of this Organisation shall be the *National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Archdiocese* (Commonly called Shouters). This Baptist refers to persons given freedom of worship by the repeal of the Shouters Ordinance 1951.

ARTICLE (2) MEMBERSHIP

All persons of the Household of Faith shall be eligible for membership in the Spiritual Baptist Faith, however only such persons as are of legal voting age, of sound mind and body, having no criminal conviction, or felonious charge known against them, and who can be proven to be good and responsible members of the Church and community shall be eligible to enter the Ministry of the Brotherhood as Deacons, Ministers or Officers.

ARTICLE (3) OFFICERS

A President and Vice President, Secretary and treasurer shall be the officials of this Organisation. Any of these may act as Chairman of the official meetings of the Brotherhood. They should be members of the Board of Trustees wherever such is in keeping with ability.

ARTICLE (4) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There shall be vested in a Board of Directors, the authority to govern this Organisation. This Board of Directors shall be comprised of six members of the Board of Trustees and six other officers as appointed by the Board. They shall hold yearly elections within the Board, for membership in the Board, except the Presidency which is vested (ad vitam) in the Archbishop of the Brotherhood.

ARTICLE (5) MEETINGS

- (1) On the second Monday of each month and at 7.00pm to 9.00pm shall General Meetings of the Archdiocese be held.
- (2) Quarterly meetings of the Archdiocese Ministers and unit Church representatives shall be held to discuss amicably the affairs of Churches and the Archdiocese as a whole on the First Friday every three months.
- (3) The General Secretary shall summon by circular, Ministers and all members of the Archdiocese and unit Churches affiliated to the Archdiocese, to General Meetings.
- (4) No person, not being an Ordained Minister, Deacon or Deaconess shall be permitted to vote in meetings of the Organisation except that person be the representative of an Affiliate Church, and the Committee of that Church shall have the power to prevent such person voting, if in their opinion he or she becomes unfit to represent them. Unfinancial members are not permitted to vote in any meeting; and this includes Ministers of Religion of all grades.

ARTICLE (6) DUES

To defray expenses of the Organisation miscellaneous dues are levied on members of the Brotherhood, as the Organisation is a non-profit making Organisation.

In order to prevent the practice of irresponsible persons failing to assist membership upkeep, dues are also charged as a condition of membership, and any member who fails to pay dues for a period of three months without giving reasonable excuse in writing shall be declared unfinancial, *and should he/she continue for a period longer than this, the Board of Directors shall look into the matter with a view to:-

- a) determine whether mercy should be extended in case of prolonged illness.
- b) Expel unfinancial and delinquent Officers guilty of paragraph. 2 above*.
- c) Receive opinions to the contrary of (b) above and make such decisions as are necessary.

The dues of this Organisation for ordinary membership shall be two dollars per month for as shall be decided from time to time. Executive members dues shall be as agreed upon by the Board of Trustees.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS AND REPORTS

Each Affiliate Church shall be expected to contribute to the up-keep of the Parent Organisation. Therefore, the following contribution is levied according to *Malachi 3:8-10* and *Haggai Ch.1*. 10% of the profits made from any pilgrimage, bingo or other fund raising activity: that is ten cents on each dollar.

TREASURER'S DUTIES

*The Treasurer and General Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, a true record of all minutes of meetings and also of moneys collected and spent. He/she shall submit quarterly reports of finances to the Board of Trustees in triplicate, and yearly finance reports of income and expenditure together with a bank statement wherever possible or practical; to the General Body in a Treasurer's Report.

GENERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The following are necessary for the disciplining of the lawless and disobedient, who transgress the normal rules of conduct laid down to ensure good behaviour in the Organisation.

Therefore, any person found guilty of disobedience of these rules shall be suspended or expelled at the discretion of the existing Judicial Body, or General Body, or Board of Directors, after a fair trial, in which both sides are heard impartially, according to the principles of Natural Justice.

(1) No Minister or member of the *National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Archdiocese* shall:

- a) Indulge in any obscene, idle, lewd or vicious behaviour;
- b) Rob, slander, defame, debase or defraud any person;
- c) Frequent, or be seen drinking beer, wine, or spirits in any tavern, rum shop, snakettes or any place where beer, wine or spirits are sold or exposed for sale;
- d) Frequent any racing pool, betting shop, or common gaming house, or be seen in any place known or suspected as such.

- (2) Interfere maliciously or otherwise with intent to disturb, any place or gathering which is a place of religious worship, or people assembled for or believed to be assembled for any form of religious worship, regardless of what the practices or beliefs of the cult or sect shall be: except human sacrifice be provably imminent and then only to save life.
- (3) Indulge in blasphemous behaviour, or any unchaste relationship whether with man or woman, or beast, nor shall any Minister or member assault or molest any woman or member of the female sex or any minor.
- (4)
 - (a) Refuse to pay lawfully incurred debts;
 - (b) Borrow anything without probability of repayment;
 - (c) Be found in any person's dwelling or place of business, or place used as such without reasonable excuse, or permission from the owner; or for any unlawful purpose or any mischievous purpose whatsoever.
- (5)
 - (a) Expose for sale or sell, or show to any member of the public any nude or obscene picture, cartoon or drawing;
 - (b) Sell or damage or deface or copy any book or property of the Archdiocese without permission in writing signed by all the Trustees of the *National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Archdiocese Incorporated*;
 - (c) Use the Seal of the Archdiocese or it's Archbishop's without permission in writing or in his/her presence or the presence of the owner without permission;
 - (d) Fight, quarrel, rail or exchange uncomplimentary remarks, or go to law with any brother or sister, without first exhausting his/her rights or redress in the Tribunals of the Archdiocese;
 - (e) Take the name of God in vain.
 - (f) Indulge in uncharitable or unprofitable conversation particularly speaking evil of Pastors, Elders, Ministers, Magistrates, or his or her Majesty's Officers of the Government, or Courts of Law. This shall not apply to the concepts of freedom of speech and conscience.

SECTION B

1. The Officers and Members of the Archdiocese shall pay a subscription of ten (10) cents per week for defraying travelling and stamp expenses.
2. Officers shall be directed by the Archdiocese to change pulpits from time to time.
3. Should the Organisation through the Trustees or Directors call upon any Officer to deliver up any money or property belonging to the Archdiocese or Brotherhood or any Minister or member of it; it shall be done without undue delay or disturbance.
4. Officers who fail to attend three consecutive meetings without giving reasonable or acceptable excuse in writing for their absence automatically cause their office to become vacant, and examination of the Officer's reliability and fitness must be conducted with a view to determining his/her fitness for reinstatement.
5. All Branch units merged into or with the Archdiocese and whose Church property is thereby vested in the Incorporated Trustees
 - a) of the Brotherhood shall submit to Head Office each month, or quarter, dependant on the case, all moneys collected on behalf of the Archdiocese. They shall give as a condition of membership 10% of all profits made from harvests, pilgrimages, concerts, flower services, bingo parties and all such similar fund raising projects or functions. This levy is to aid in defraying typist expenses, office rental, Missionary work, stationery and machinery expenses, visiting priest's expenses and other incidental expenditures involving minor journeys and travelling, also miscellaneous expenses.
 - b) However, should any Church request an official visit by the Archbishop and party on business or for any ceremony, they shall make a request or invitation in writing fourteen (14) days in advance, or on short notice, 7 days in advance, stating the nature of any purpose for the proposed visit, and must be prepared to pay the cost of transport to and from that place, whichever is more reasonable after discussion of the matter.
6. Any business transaction made by any Church, it's Committee or Principal Officers shall be discussed with the Board of Directors of the General Council and be approved or rejected as they deem fit and all grievances among unit Churches and other members of the Spiritual Baptist Churches merged with or affiliated to the Brotherhood shall be brought before the General Council to be judged, and an amicable settlement arrived at, or if this be not possible, a satisfactory solution to the problem.

7. Any person or organisation who uses or causes to be used the Name of the Brotherhood in any function, or on any advertisement, must give as a donation \$100, or 50% of the profit made from that function as shall be agreed upon by the fund raising Committee or the Incorporated Trustees.
8. No Minister shall publish or utter or cause to be uttered any accusation or statement or be party to any statement, quotation or anything or matter which is unethical prejudicial or which may cast any smear or aspersion on the character and conduct of any officer or member of the Brotherhood which may now, or in the foreseeable future damage the reputation of the Brotherhood or member, his/her earning capacity, or his/her standard in the society.
9. No Minister shall be allowed in any Church or meeting at this Archdiocese in an intoxicated condition or any condition believed to be such, or smelling of intoxicants of any kind or sort whatever, or behaving, speaking or walking in any manner which by evidence of the senses and logical reason should lead one to believe that the Minister is intoxicated or under the influence of intoxicants. Any Minister found or suspected of being in this condition shall be expelled immediately. A review tribunal may however modify this to suspension for one year, and shall inform all Government Agencies and all Churches of the suspension and request their co-operation in this discipline. (Intoxicants shall include rum, alcoholic beverages, marijuana and it's products opium and its products, sniffing of glue, LSD., Heroin, Cocaine, and all drugs of addiction. Ministers attending services are not permitted to use tobacco in any form within the area of any Church property or service.
10. No Minister shall depart from the order of ritual or service which shall be from time to time ordained by the Administrators of this Archdiocese and Organisation without reasonable excuse, and all who do so shall be guilty of misdemeanour and misconduct and shall be suitably dealt with.
11. Speaking time in General Business at meetings shall be limited to five minutes with the right by majority vote to three minutes extension in order to allow for completion of the order of business in a proper time. Any Minister who fails to conclude his/her contribution in the prescribed time shall be asked to take his/her seat and if he/she fails so to do shall be suitably dealt with as shall all persons who fail to obey the ruling of the Chairman, either by fine or suspension or a verbal warning.

GOVERNMENT OF UNIT CHURCHES AND OFFICERS

1. The Archdiocesan Administrators shall have the right to call all Ministers and Committees of unit Churches to order; and shall sit in judgement of, and discipline such members as are truly governed by the Church.

2. It shall have the right to discipline them, represent them in Court, or in any legal matter, correct their performance of worship wherever necessary, inspect Church property and wherever practical assist in maintenance and control of the same.
3. All Churches shall be vested in the Archdiocese by the contract of affiliation, and no unit branch shall have the right to allow the use of, or enter into any contract with any other Organisation or individual without having first obtained release in writing from the Board of Trustees and any individual who enters knowingly into such a contract shall be dealt with in the manner which the Board shall by majority vote decides.
4. All unit Churches shall be visited quarterly by a Bishop or his agent (and no Minister may refuse to carry out the function of agent if given reasonable notice exceeding 28 days). Though a Bishop has a chair in every Church of the Archdiocese and may attend services regularly he may not give directions about their performance without recourse to the Directors and only on specified occasions has he the right to preach and conduct a service himself. He has however, rights of visitation or enquiry, and on visiting any church he may be requested to preach the sermon, read the scripture, offer Holy Sacraments and marry or perform healing services. The Archbishop may give to any Bishop special mandate to perform special Ecclesiastical Ceremonials, in writing, signed by his hand and seal. A Suffragan Bishop may perform whatever duties are allowed him by the Bishop he assists, or in the terms of licence given him by the Bishop of the Archdiocese. His Chief function is to deputise for the Bishop at religious and civic occasions when the dignity of the event calls for a Bishop.
5. This Archdiocese is the sole authority over all unit Churches having extension fellowship or affiliate thereto. It's function is designed to perform those services with which unit Churches cannot easily or conveniently provide themselves. Thus each Church is free to carry on it's own program, gospel outreach, missions and other functions. The Archbishop, however and his Council of Bishops shall ordain (or licence) Ministers who preside over these Church units.
6. All Ministers, Pastors and Churches, regardless of denominations which believe in the principles of the *National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Archdiocese Inc.* shall make application and be considered after due examination, for extension fellowship.

REPRESENTATION AT MEETINGS AND CONVOCATIONS

The Archdiocese in all it's business meetings shall be composed of ordained Ministers in full financial standing Affiliated Churches shall be represented by their Ministers or where the Pastor is not affiliated to the Archdiocese, by a duly elected delegate or representative of the church who is an affiliate member.

Names of affiliate Churches and their Ministers or Committee and members shall be registered in a membership register, together with their address, country, telephone number and a photograph of the presiding mother of the Church and Minister of Religion officiating.

DONATIONS AND FUNDS

All funds of the Organisation and its units shall be raised in the traditional manner, and the Archdiocese Head and Council shall collect voluntary donations, secured upon the merits of the reason or cause for which the fund raising appeal has been made, and these funds shall be duly recorded and accounted for. In pursuance of the work of this Archdiocese it shall be recognised that finance shall be required. It is therefore strongly encouraged and recommended that member units, support the Organisation by such means as they are able and such donations as are necessary.

CHURCH EVANGELISM AND MISSIONARY SUPPORT

The Archdiocese recognises that our primary aim is evangelism. For purposes of harmony, all meetings, crusades or any function whatsoever pertaining to Christian work, in the raising of funds for any Christian endeavour, shall be reported to the Archdiocese two months in advance. Churches are free to co-operate or not to co-operate, but shall give reasons in writing if they do not. If fund raising is the object in view, all non co-operating Churches shall be required to make a reasonable contribution to the venture.

However, Ministers of all unit Churches shall be appointed or required to attend as representatives of the Body. At all ordinations and ceremonies, all Ministers shall attend, regardless of the situation if required or invited at any General Meeting, and any Minister absent without proper excuse shall be at the first offence warned and for subsequent breaches according to the regularity of the offence, fined, suspended or in obvious cases of disobedience over a prolonged period summarily be dismissed. In particular, however, in meetings, it is important that firm agreements be reached in matters involving State or Archdiocesan ceremonials and finances.

Fines imposed on any member of the Body shall be paid within one month of their imposition. Failure to pay fines shall be considered contempt, and the offending party shall be dealt with to the full extent of Archdiocesan Authority.

All correspondences outgoing and involving unit Churches shall be signed by the President or Vice President and sealed with the official seal or rubber stamp with his signature. A copy shall be kept on file for reference, or the subject of the letter recorded together with action taken and result proceeding therefrom.

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all decisions taken on any subject in the proceedings of the Body. He/she shall keep and file all papers in order and shall fulfil any other duties imposed by the President in all unit Churches. These shall be the duties of the President Vice President and Secretary. However, the Church Committee shall together and severally sign all important documents and witness all transactions legal and binding on the unit Church. All rules binding on the Archdiocese shall apply in all unit Churches wherever applicable, and shall take precedence over, and supplement all existing Church constitutions and rules.

It is advised that disputes involving members and Pastors of unit Churches, that every effort be made to secure reconciliation. Where all efforts fails, the methods recommended by Christ in *Matthew Chapter 18: Verses 15-18* shall apply.

Churches are free to allow Pastors and members to go to all cities and places where God may lead them, and carry out missionary endeavours.

However, no member, male or female should as a Leader, Pastor, Mother or Minister, hold a meeting in another Church, and use it as a means to divide the flock.

No Archdiocesan member or affiliate should make debts which he/she cannot or will not pay.

No member, male or female of the Spiritual Baptist Church and religious faith should conduct his or herself in an unbecoming way in relation to the opposite sex.

Conduct should at all times be such as becometh Ministers of Christ.

Unit Churches and Ministers are advised that this is a growing Organisation, and rules and regulations shall be added from time to time to prevent recurrence of problems or offences without necessity of informing the Body or it's unit Churches.

All affiliate Churches or their Officers transacting any Church business with a view to obtaining any preferment or gifts from any Statutory Body or official or any body or person whatsoever shall before and again on completion of the exercise, discuss the intention and later the outcome of the exercise contemplated with the representative of the Board of Directors or Trustees or the Archbishop who is the National Archdiocesan Representative.

Every unit Church shall keep a proper record of every Baptism and dedication alike of infants and adults and shall keep in this record the names of all persons baptised, their profession and address and the Church shall at all times issue a Certificate of adult or infant Baptism duly signed by the Church Officer at the time of the Ceremony. This record shall be copied and transmitted to the Archdiocese Headquarters and there faithfully recorded.

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS

1. Speaking time shall be limited to five minutes per member by the clock. Long winded addresses are time consuming and unprofitable. This rule is made with intent to prevent unnecessary preaching in business meetings. However, if the meeting by unanimous vote allows longer deliberation on any subject, the decision of the majority shall be respected.
2. Members shall enter a meeting quietly if late, but shall, as soon as possible rise and excuse themselves to the Presiding Officer.
3. Any member proceeding in a loud disrespectful, improper or annoying speech or manner, who makes use of insults or refuses to be called to order shall be warned, and if he refuses to comply, be severely disciplined . Repeated performance shall be warned in writing and dismissed.

USE OF PRINCIPLES OF NATURAL JUSTICE

In all our administrative tribunals the principles of Natural Justice shall apply as follows:-

1. Both sides shall be heard.
2. There shall be no bias.
3. The Presiding Officer shall have no personal or pecuniary interest in of be a relative or friend of any person having such interest or be personally hostile to the party because of events happening before or during the trial.
4. The persons involved shall have the right to cross examine and offer supporting evidence.
5. Evidence shall be taken with both parties present except where personal harm or embarrassment is feared.
6. If either party fails to attend upon being summoned to a tribunal without reasonable provable excuse, the tribunal shall try the matter and make a judgement against which either party has the right to appeal.
7. Marriage Officers are advised not to allow any person not a Marriage Officer to perform the legal requirements of the Marriage Ordinance. Any Marriage Officer found or believed to be doing this shall be severely disciplined.

Ordained Ministers shall not use the rites and ceremonies of lodges and other religious bodies in any Archdiocesan Spiritual Baptist Church or in the performance of any spiritual Baptist ceremony or any ceremony whatsoever while he or she is a minister of the Spiritual Baptist Faith (commonly called Shouter's), any Minister reported as or found doing this shall be warned on the first offence, suspended on the second offence and for any further offences, expelled from office.

Any ordained Minister found or known to have absconded or eloped with, or coerced, or lured, or been followed by any woman, being the wife or common law wife of another with the result that complaint be made to the Archbishop by the aggrieved party or husband, shall be expelled from office, if the matter be proved to the satisfaction of the Tribunal of this Archdiocese.

Any Minister found operating any common gaming house, brothel or gambling or any similar games such as whe' whe', shell games, spinning wheels and the like, or procuring for any hotel or similar place, or living off the proceeds of immoral practices including prostitution and white slavery shall be expelled forthwith.

Any Minister who fails to comply with, or wilfully disobeys any lawful order or request of the Archdiocese or it's Bishops, or Councils, or Tribunals shall be for the first offence ordered to pay a fine of \$10.00 for reinstatement; and for any further offences that Minister shall be expelled.

RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENTS OF SUFFRAGAN BISHOPS, BISHOPS AND MARRIAGE OFFICES

1. It shall be compulsory for members of the faith seeking ordination to pursue a course in Theology, Homiletics and Christian Philosophy with the Archdiocese. Ordination will only be performed on the satisfactory completion of the said course.
2. Members seeking ordination shall submit the following documents:-
 - a) Police Record
 - b) Identification Card
 - c) Proof of citizenship of Trinidad and Tobago
 - d) Recommendation from someone of personal knowledge as regards character in the community.
3. Members who are not citizens of Trinidad and Tobago must be recommended by the members or management committee of the Church or organisation to which he/she belong and must produce a police record from his country also, or other forms/documents as proof of unblemished character.

4. Any Minister of the Archdiocese who desires to pursue a course in Theology or otherwise outside of Trinidad and Tobago: the matter should be brought to the attention of the Archdiocese so that it can be assented to by the Board of Directors.
5. The powers of all Ministers who have taken the degree of Suffragan Bishop or Bishop are limited.
6. All Suffragan Bishops and Bishops are privileged to perform the acts of baptism, infant dedication, consecration of Churches, burials, Weddings and the administration of the Sacraments. They can also give recommendations.
7. The power to ordain Ministers shall be vested solely in the Archbishop and it shall be an offence for any Suffragan Bishop or any Bishop to perform any act of ordination or to assist any minister of another denomination in the performance of any ordination ceremony without the knowledge and consent of the Archbishop.
8. Any Suffragan Bishop or Bishop found in the act as stated above shall be seriously dealt with.
9. All Ministers seeking marriage licence must pursue a course within the Archdiocese on the study of the Marriage Ordinance for at least three months. Any Minister who does not fulfil this requirement shall not be recommended for a licence.
10. All ordained Ministers of the Archdiocese from the degree of a Deacon to that of Archbishop must pay their monthly dues (i.e.) \$3.00 per month for ordinary Ministers and \$2.00 per month for Bishops and other ranks. Failure to pay the said dues and also to comply with the rules and regulation of the said Archdiocese will have no say at any meetings or activities of the said Archdiocese.
11. The right to prevent any Minister or Ministers of the Archdiocese who have become delinquent to perform dedication, christening or offering up of infants or any function in or on behalf of the said Archdiocese is reserved in the Archbishop.
12. Any Minister or Ministers who have been prohibited to perform the rites of the Archdiocese and to carry on any function in the name of the Archdiocese through his or her delinquent behaviour, shall be reconsidered for re-establishment, if he or she so desires to be so reconsidered, and this shall only be done after the stipulation or stipulations to this clause shall be fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Archbishop. The stipulation is that the said Minister or Ministers pay to the said Archdiocese all or part of the dues which remain unpaid, due and owing to the said Archdiocese. The amount to be paid shall be stipulated by the Archbishop.

***"LONG LIVE THE NATIONAL EVANGELICAL SPIRITUAL
BAPTIST FAITH ARCHDIOCESE INCORPORATED"***



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 21 of 1964

[L.S.]

Most Rev. Dr. E. J. Joseph

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of a body to be known as the Incorporated Trustees of the National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Arch Diocese in Trinidad and Tobago.

[Assented to 15th August, 1964]

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and Tobago a religious association known as the National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Arch Diocese (hereinafter called "the Brotherhood") which is representative of the Shouters in the Territory.

Preamble

And whereas Elton George Griffith, Bishop of the Brotherhood, Richard Olliver Bobb, Reverend, Kenneth Eric Ash, Reverend, Sheppard James Codogan, Reverend, Joseph Matthew Didymus Edwards, Pastor, Carmen Allum, Deaconess, Lauren Brown, Deaconess Mother, Millicent Michael, Deaconess Mother, and Wilfred Riley, Deacon of the Territory of Trinidad and Tobago have been appointed Trustees of the National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Arch Diocese in Trinidad and Tobago by the said Brotherhood.

And whereas the said Trustees so appointed have been requested and they have agreed to accept the office as such Trustees to represent the said National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Arch Diocese in Trinidad and Tobago and to hold property for any of the uses or purposes of the said Brotherhood in Trinidad and Tobago.

And whereas it is expedient that the Trustees for the time being of the said National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Arch Diocese should be incorporated and should have powers to hold lands and other property in trust for the said Brotherhood.

enactment.

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

title

1. This Act may be cited as The National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Arch Diocese Incorporation Act, 1964.

corporation
Trustees

2. Elton George Griffith, Bishop of the Brotherhood, Richard Olliver Bobb, Reverend, Kenneth Eric Ash, Reverend, Sheppard James Codogan, Reverend, Joseph Matthew Didymus Edwards, Pastor, Carmen Allum, Deaconess, Lauren Brown, Deaconess Mother, Millicent Michael, Deaconess Mother, and Wilfred Riley, Deacon, and their successors in office as Trustees of the National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Arch Diocese in Trinidad and Tobago shall be and are hereby created a body corporate by the name of "The Incorporated Trustees of the National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Arch Diocese in Trinidad and Tobago" (hereinafter called "the Trustees") and

by that name shall have perpetual succession and also by that name may sue and be sued and shall have a common seal with power to change such seal.

3. All churches, chapels, mission houses, rectories, vicarages, parsonages, glebes, buildings and lands now vested in any person and appropriated to the uses of the National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Arch Diocese in Trinidad and Tobago are hereby transferred to and vested in the Trustees.

4. The Trustees may make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper conduct of its proceedings and for the discharge of its powers and duties under this Act.

Subject to the rules, regulations and control of the Brotherhood in Trinidad and Tobago, the Trustees shall have full power to acquire for the National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith Arch Diocese in Trinidad and Tobago by gift, grant, purchase, devise or otherwise any lands, building messuages and hereditaments of what nature or kind soever in perpetuity or for a life or lives, or for a term of years, and also any moneys, goods and chattels, and subject to such rules, regulations and control aforesaid, and to the performance of any trusts upon which the said lands, buildings, messuages, hereditaments, moneys, goods and chattels may have been acquired, to take, hold and enjoy the same.

6. Subject to the rules, regulations and control aforesaid and to the performance of any such trusts as aforesaid, and except as hereinafter provided, the Trustees may sell, demise, grant, convey, transfer, alienate or otherwise dispose of any property by this Act vested in them, or which hereafter be acquired by or become vested in them.

7. It shall also be lawful for the Incorporated Trustees subject to such rules, regulations and control as aforesaid from time to time (a) to borrow money and for the repayment of the same by deed under their Seal to give and execute mortgages, charges, pledges or other securities of their real or personal property or to make any such

arrangements as they may consider expedient with such covenants, powers and provisions as they may think proper and (b) to advance money or the security of any freehold or leasehold property, to accept surrenders and reconveyances and to enter into contracts.

Mode of Execution
of documents

8. All documents requiring the Seal of the Trustees shall be sealed with the Common Seal of the Trustees in the presence of two of the Trustees who shall sign every such document, and such signing shall be prima facie evidence that the said Seal was duly affixed and that it is the lawful Seal of the Trustees.

Service of
documents on
Trustees

9. (1) The Trustees shall at all times have a fixed address for the service of documents on the Trustees and such address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar-General.

(2) Any document may be served on the Trustees by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post to, the address as registered under subsection (1) of this section.

Saving of
Crown and other
rights.

10. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any other persons, except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from, or under them.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 2nd day of June, 1964.

G. R. LATOUR
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Passed in the Senate this 28th day of July, 1964.

A. A. DARLINGTON
Acting Clerk of the Senate