
Fifth Session Eighth Parliament Republic of
Trinidad and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 29 of 2007

[L.S.]

AN ACT to repeal and replace the Presbyterian Church
Incorporation Ordinance, 1893 and provide for the
incorporation of the Presbyterian Church of
Trinidad and Tobago and for related matters

[Assented to 28th September, 2007]

Whereas there has been established in Trinidad and Preamble
Tobago since 1893 a religious organization known as the
Presbytery of Trinidad:

And whereas it is intended that the Presbytery of Trinidad shall be known and referred to as the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago:

And whereas it is expedient that the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago be incorporated for the purpose of fulfilling the aims, objects and missions and of exercising the powers set out in the Act:

Enactment ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—

Short title **1.** This Act may be cited as the the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act, 2007.

Interpretation **2.** In this Act—

“the Church” means the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago;

“Constitution” means the constitution of the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago;

“Synod” means the decision-making body of the Church established by the Consitution;

“Trustees” means those persons appointed by the Synod in accordance with the Constitution.

Incorporation **3.** The Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago is hereby created a body corporate.

Aims, objects and missions **4.** The aims, objects and missions of the Church are to—

(a) proclaim, propagate and perpetuate belief and faith in the Sovereignty of Our Triune God and the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ;

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- (b) promote and cultivate in accordance with the Gospel: knowledge of God's Word, worship, service, right relationships and discipleship;
 - (c) strengthen and build up the Church and church institutions as communities of worshipping and serving believers faithful to the traditions of Presbyterianism;
 - (d) preserve and administer the sacraments of the Church;
 - (e) foster and perpetuate the doctrines and traditions of the Church;
 - (f) encourage a personal live relationship with the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the acceptance of the grace and mercy of God;
 - (g) promote and encourage the development of persons and societies through education;
 - (h) act for the transformation of persons, societies and the world through the alleviation of suffering, affliction, disease, poverty and injustice;
 - (i) promote ecumenism and dialogue within the Christian religion and with other religious traditions; and
 - (j) do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above aims, objects and missions and to utilize the resources of the Church for that purpose.

5. The functions of the Church are to—

- (a) ordain, license and otherwise qualify Ministers of Religion, Lay Pastors, Deaconesses, Presiding Elders, Assistant Lay Pastors, Elders and other Church Workers and provide credentials for these persons according to the Constitution;

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Chap. 1:01
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- (b) make recommendations pursuant to the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Education Act, the Marriage Act or any other written law; and
- (c) generally utilize the resources of the Church and do anything necessary as the Synod may direct for the attainment of the aims, objects and missions of the Church.

Powers of the
Trustees

6. Subject to the Constitution and any rules made thereunder and the approval of the Synod, the Trustees shall exercise on behalf and in the name of the Church, the powers to—

- (a) acquire and accept by purchase, gift, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, conveyance, subscription or otherwise, any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein;
- (b) accept surrenders, carry out or reconveyances and to enter into contracts;
- (c) sell, exchange, demise, grant, mortgage, convey, transfer, let or otherwise dispose of and deal with any property or assets which may, for the time being, be vested in or have been acquired by the Church;
- (d) borrow or raise money on the security of property or otherwise;
- (e) invest the monies of the Church upon such investments, securities or property as the Synod shall direct; and
- (f) draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills, cheques and other instruments and operate bank or building society accounts in the name of the Church.

7. (1) The churches, manses, schools, offices and other buildings, lands and any other real property set out in the Schedule or personal property now held by or vested or deemed to have been vested in any person for the use and benefit of the Presbytery in Trinidad are hereby transferred to and vested in the Church.

(2) All rights and privileges previously enjoyed and exercised by persons for the use and benefit of the Incorporated Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Trinidad are hereby transferred to and vested in the Church.

8. The Church shall have a common seal which may be altered by the Synod.

9. Every document requiring the seal of the Church shall be sealed with the common seal of the Church in the presence of at least two Trustees of the Church, or any one Trustee and any other person who may be appointed by the Synod for that purpose, who shall both sign the document, and the signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the Seal was duly affixed and is the lawful Seal of the Church.

10. (1) The Church shall have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on it and the address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the date of incorporation or the change of address, as the case may be.

(2) Every document may be served on the Church by sending the document by registered post to the registered address of the Church.

(3) The address for service of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Trinidad immediately before the commencement of this Act shall, upon the commencement of this Act be the registered address of the Church.

(4) Where the Church fails to register its address and any change thereof, it commits an offence and is liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars and to a further fine of ten dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction.

Transitional

11. (1) Legal proceedings pending or claims instituted or made by or subsisting against the Incorporated Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Trinidad immediately before the commencement of this Act shall be continued on and after the commencement of this Act by the Church.

(2) A reference in any enactment, deed, contract, security or other document to the Incorporated Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Trinidad shall upon the commencement of this Act be construed as a reference to the Church.

(3) All acts done between the 27th day of March, 1893 and the commencement of this Act by the Incorporated Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Trinidad and the Presbytery of Trinidad, which would have been validly done, are deemed to have been the acts of the Church.

Saving of State or
other rights

12. Nothing in this Act affects or is deemed to affect the rights of the State, or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any other persons, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Repeal of Ordinance

13. The Presbyterian Church Incorporation Ordinance, 1893 is hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO**

PROPERTIES OWNED, LEASED, RENTED IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Properties	In Whom Vested	By Deed Registered as Number
The Church and Lands at San Fernando, being lot No. 60, Coffee Street	Kenneth James Grant and John Morton.	606 for 1871
The Manse and Lands at San Fernando, being lot No. 62, Coffee Street	Kenneth James Grant and John Morton.	758 for 1871
“Shady Grove,” comprising the Lands and Buildings at San Fernando, Nos. 50, 52, 54 and 56, Coffee Street	Kenneth James Grant and John Morton.	26 for 1891
The Lands at San Fernando, being lot No. 58, Coffee Street	Kenneth James Grant and John Morton.	25 for 1891
The Lands and House at Vistabella Village, in the Ward of North Naparima	Kenneth James Grant and John Morton.	24 for 1891
The Lands and House at Barrackpore Settlement, in the Ward of South Naparima	Kenneth James Grant and John Morton.	450 for 1887
Lands and Buildings at St. Mary’s Village, in the Ward of Oropouche	Kenneth James Grant, John Morton and J. W. McLeod.	1617 for 1891
Lands and Buildings at Diamond Village, South Naparima	Kenneth James Grant and John Morton.	1535 for 1891
Lands and Buildings at Princes Town	Kenneth James Grant and John Morton.	242 for 1876
Lands at Princes Town	Kenneth James Grant and John Morton.	251 for 1876
Lands at Riversdale	John Wilson McLeod...	1590 for 1884

SCHEDULE—CONTINUED

Properties	In Whom Vested	By Deed Registered as Number
Lands at Piparo Settlement	William Louis Macrae...	113 for 1891
Lands at Lengua Settlement	John Wilson McLeod and William Louis Macrae	933 for 1884 and 888 for 1891
Lands at Lengua Settlement	Kenneth James Grant and John Morton	1749 for 1880
Lands at Princes Town	John Wilson McLeod and William Louis Macrae	246 for 1891
Lands at Exchange Village, Couva (old Manse).	Kenneth James Grant and John Morton	854 for 1877
Lands and Church at Exchange Village, Couva	Kenneth James Grant and John Morton.	152 for 1885
Lands at Esperanza Village, Couva	Kenneth James Grant, and John Morton	703 for 1878
Lands at Calcutta Village, Montserrat	Fulton Johnstone Coffin	1815 for 1891
Lands at Preysal Village, Montserrat	Fulton Johnstone Coffin	1876 for 1891
Lands at Indian Trail, Montserrat	Fulton Johnstone Coffin	1303 for 1891
Lands at Arouca	Kenneth James Grant John Morton and John Wilson McLeod	3008 for 1882
Lands and Buildings at Tacarigua	Kenneth James Grant John Morton and John Wilson McLeod	1616 for 1891
Lands and Buildings at St. Joseph	Kenneth James Grant and John Morton	1363 for 1891
Lands in Cocorite Road, Arima	John Morton and William Fraser Dickson	646 for 1889

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Properties	In Whom Vested	By Deed Registered as Number
Lands at Warren Village	John Morton	387 for 1891
Lands at Cunupia Village	John Morton	524 for 1892
Lands, Church and Manse at San Fernando	James Todd, George Lambie, Peter McIntosh, Angus*** and Francis*** survivors of*** and the heirs of such survivor	Date of Conveyance 17th April, 1851
Grey Friars, being Lands, Church and buildings in Brunswick Square, Port-of-Spain	William Douglas, James Thun, James Steele, Harriot Frew, James Alexander Henderson, John Smart, George Findley Carstairs, Donald Fisher, James Peterson, Robt. Selwick Scott, James Buchanan, James Peddie & William Ballemey	
Lands, Church and Manse at Arouca	Alexander Kennedy and George Brodie	367 for 1844

Identification of Property by Pastoral Regions	Size	Status Tenure	Wardens Assessment/ Deed Nos.
Riversdale Pastoral Region			
Riversdale Church Manse, School	2A 0R 0P	Freehold	S 200
Brothers Church		Freehold	
Morichal Church	4300 sq. ft.	Rented	
Poona Church	5000 sq. ft.	Freehold	5ZM-24, 22573 of 1997

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Identification of Property by Pastoral Regions	Size	Status Tenure	Wardens Assessment/ Deed Nos.
Debe/La Romain Pastoral Region			
Debe School (old)	1A 3R 0P	Freehold	F 3
Canaan Church and School	1A 2R 10P	Freehold	ZZZP—208
La Romain Church	5000 sq. ft.	Rented	
Esperance Church	5000 sq. ft.	Rented	
Hermitage Church	5000 sq. ft.	Rented	
Diamond Pastoral Region			
Diamond Picton Church	8411 F ²		ZZZB—76
Monkey Town (Krist Mandli)	5000 sq. ft.	Rented	
Lower Barrackpore	4300 sq. ft.	Freehold	
Transfer	5000 sq.ft.	Freehold	
Diamond Church Manse (School Hill)	6000 sq. ft.		
Guaico Pastoral Region			
Guaico Manse	1A 1R 0P	Freehold	V. 32
Guaico School	3A 0R 0P	Freehold	V. 31
Jubilee School, Tamana	0A 2R 25P	Freehold	ZE 132
Cumuto Church	1 lot	Freehold	ZF 128
Caratal Church	0A 2R 02P	Freehold	ZH 230
Sukram Village Recreation Ground	1A 1R 0P	Freehold	S—35/ No. 79 of 1932
Cumaripo Church & School	5A 0R 0P	Freehold	ZH 86—Vol. 97/Fol.209
Gift to Presbyterian Church in Trinidad and Tobago— <i>(Professor John La Guerre —Mother's Estate)</i>	6 Acres approx.	Freehold	Being Processed
Layman's Lodge	4½ Acres approx.	Freehold	

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Identification of Property by Pastoral Regions	Size	Status Tenure	Wardens Assessment/ Deed Nos.
Sangre Chiquito Pastoral Region			
Fishing Pond School	1 lot	Freehold	0—100
Sangre Chiquito Church	0A 1R 15.6P	Freehold	W—129
Sangre Chiquito School	0A 1R 15.6P	Freehold	W—130
Coal Mine H.T.Qts.	1A 0R. 13P	Freehold	Z—41
Plum Mitan School	1A 0R 0P	Freehold	ZA.196
Plum Road School	1A 0R 26P	Freehold	ZB—98
Point Fortin/Cedros			
Salazar Trace Church	1A 0R 0P		P—245
Bryce Road—Point Fortin Church	43,000 sq.ft.	Leasehold	M—202
Cap-de-Ville Church	0A 0R 12. 15 P	Freehold	R 96
Salazar Trace	1 lot	Freehold	P 235
Cedros Church	2 lots	Freehold	C 152
Guapo Church	2 lots	Freehold	
Coromandel Church	2 lots	Freehold	
Point Coco Church	5,000 sq.ft.	Rented	
Susamachar Pastoral Region			
Susamachar Church & Grant Memorial School		Freehold	
Vistabella	1 lot, 5,000 sq.ft.	Freehold	
Corinth Church	1 lot, 5,000 sq.ft.	Freehold	
Golconda Church	1 lot, 5,000sq.ft.	Leased from Caroni	
Paradise Hill (<i>St. Andrew's Theological College and Naparima College</i>)	9 acres approx.	Freehold	

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Identification of Property by Pastoral Regions	Size	Status Tenure	Wardens Assessment/ Deed Nos.
Marabella/Bonne Aventure			
Mayo Church	1 lot	Freehold	W 22
Gasparillo Church	0A 1R 37P	Leasehold	ZF 242
Bonne Aventure Church		Rented	
Ben Lomond East Church		Rented	
Reform School & Church		Rented	
Marabella Church Manse		Rented	
Tarouba Land	1 lot	Freehold	
Union Village West		Rented	
Barrackpore Pastoral Region			
Barrackpore Church	0A 0R 14P		H 75
Lengua Church	1 lot		ZZZ 5
Rochard Douglas Church & School	2A 0R 0P		J 163
Borde Narve Church	4,000 sq.ft.	Freehold	
Clarke Road Church			
Penal/Siparia Pastoral Region			
Siparia Presbyterian School	1A 0R 0P	Freehold	B 1127
Iere High School	14A 0R 0P	Freehold	B 234
Erin Road School	2A 0R 0P	Freehold	G 97
Erin Road School	1A 3R 20P	Freehold	G 98
Mendez	2A 0R 03P	Leasehold	G 99
Siparia Manse Church	4 lots	Leasehold	ZW 60
Penal Rock Road School	1A 0R 0P	Freehold	T 55
San Francique Church	1A 0R 0P	Freehold	X 155
San Francique School	1A 0R 0P	Freehold	X 156

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Identification of Property by Pastoral Regions	Size	Status Tenure	Wardens Assessment/ Deed Nos.
Siparia Road School	1A 2R 39P	Freehold	ZD 119
Lot 4 Erin also 5,6,7,8,9 (Camp Beattie)	0A 2R 03P	Freehold	B 165
Lot 10 Erin (Camp Beattie)	3A 2R 21P	Freehold	B 171
Oropouche Pastoral Region			
Fyzabad Manse	1 lot	Freehold	ZD 118
Fyzabad School & Church	1A 3R 18P	Freehold	ZD 120
Rousillac Church & School	4A 0R 0P	Freehold	G 131
Siparia Road School & Church	1A 2R 39P	Freehold	ZD 119
Fyzabad Cemetery	1A 2R 18P	Freehold	
Rio Claro Pastoral Region			
Ecclesville Lot 58, 59, 102, 101	20,000 sq.ft.	Freehold	O-163, L-208, 209, 210
Navet School & Church	1A 3R 39P	Freehold	L 211
Mafeking Church & 1 lot of Land on Main Road	5,000 sq.ft.	Freehold	ZA 45
Biche Presbyterian School	2A 0R 0P	Freehold	W 100
Biche Presbyterian School	1A 2R 29P	Freehold	W 101
Rio Claro Presbyterian School		Rented	
Rio Claro Church Manse, Head Teacher Quarters		Rented	
Tabaquite Pastoral Region			
Tabaquite School	0A 1R 13P	Freehold	O-121
Tabaquite School	1 lot	No title	M-246
Tabaquite Manse	1A 1R 0P	Freehold	O-120
Tabaquite School	2A 0R 29P		O-122
Flanagin Town Presbyterian Church	0A 0R 25P	Freehold	R-159

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Identification of Property by Pastoral Regions	Size	Status Tenure	Wardens Assessment/ Deed Nos.
Piparo Church School	0A 3R 34P	Freehold	R-175
Torrib Trace Presbyterian School	2A 0R 39	Freehold	H-196
Chaguanas Pastoral Region			
Charlerville Presbyterian School	2 lots	Freehold	4ZE-155
Lange Park Manse	10,072 sq.ft.	Freehold	ZZN-64
St. Charles Church	1/2 lot	Freehold	B-73
St. Charles Church	1 lot	Freehold	B-74
Cunupia Church	1 3/4 lots	Freehold	L-134
Madras Settlement	6 lots	Freehold	ZM-111
Las Lomas	3,496 sq.ft.	Freehold	5ZW-41
Longdenville Presbyterian School	10,000 sq.ft.	Freehold	ZV-157
Felicity Presbyterian School		Rented - Caroni	
Felicity Church	5,000 sq. ft.	Rented - Caroni	
Chandernagore School		Freehold	
Chandernagore (Old School Site)	2 lots	Leasehold from State	
Chase Village Pastoral Region			
Chase Village Church	7 1/2 lots	Freehold	4ZE-156
Bank Village Church	4 lots	Freehold	T-11
Waterloo Church & School	10,000 sq.ft.	Rented - Caroni	
Calcutta Church	4,920 sq.ft.	Freehold	ZB-215
Lime Fruit—Freeport (Freeport Church Lands)	7A 0R 0P	Freehold	HH-97
Freeport—Nelson Road (Freeport Church Lands)	17A 3R 8P	Freehold	HH-98

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Identification of Property by Pastoral Regions	Size	Status Tenure	Wardens Assessment/ Deed No.
Couva/Balmain Pastoral Region			
Mc Bean Church	929.15 M2	Freehold	ZC-90
Knox Church	2 lots	Freehold	A-123
Balmain Church	4 lots	Freehold	C-23
Balmain School	3A 0R 0P		AA-127
Balmain Land	4A 0R 32P		AA-48
Balmain Cemetery			
Claxton Bay Pastoral Region			
Claxton Bay Cemetery	1A. 0R. 0P.	Freehold	H-32
Green Memorial Church (Esperanza)	2 lots	Freehold	G-108
Esperanza Presbyterian Cemetery	1 lot	Freehold	G-109
Esperanza Presbyterian School	1A 3R 38P	Freehold	H-196
Carolina School	1 lot	Freehold	
Ebeneza Manse and Church (San Fernando)	4 lots	Freehold	X-149
Union Claxton Bay	1A 2R 16P	Freehold	P-96
Dookhoo - Union School	1A 0R 0P		O-113
San Juan/Woodbrook Pastoral Region			
San Juan Church, Church Hall, Manse	0A 3R 38P	Freehold	
Santa Cruz	4 lots	Leasehold	T-76
Woodbrook		Leasehold	
Woodbrook School		Leasehold	
Woodbrook Church & Hall	2,711.1 mz	Leased	

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Identification of Property by Pastoral Regions	Size	Status Tenure	Wardens Assessment/ Deed No
Curepe/St. Joseph Pastoral Region			
St. Joseph Church	1A 1R 19P	Freehold	G-144
Maracas Church	1A 0R 0P	Freehold	J-77
Bamboo Church	1A 0R 26P	Leased for 99 years	N-129
Caroni Church (Old)	2 lots		K-107
Curepe Church & Manse	2A 2R 9P	Freehold	ZB-216
Caroni School & Church		Leasehold	ZZB-142
St. Augustine Girls' High School	14A 0R 30P	Leasehold	E-87
Princes Town Pastoral Region			
St. Mary's Church, Moruga	22,161 sq.ft.	Freehold	ZZM-205
Palm Grove	3A 0R 0P	Freehold	B-172
Tramline Street	1 lot	Freehold	B-173
Princes Town Presbyterian School & Church	5½ lots	Freehold	C-224
Triangular Land and Building	7 lots	Freehold	C-223
Iere Village Memorial Church	1 lot	Freehold	R-123
Jordan Hill Church & School	44,700 sq.ft.	Rented	
Malgretoute Government Road	5,000 sq.ft.	Rented	
Tableland Pastoral Region			
St. Julien Old School	0.6233 ha	Freehold	O-33
John Urwin Bell	5A 0R 0P	Freehold	W-209
Elswick Presbyterian School	0A 3R 37P	Freehold	ZE-242
Bando de l'Est. Road N	0A 0R 39P	Freehold	ZE-243
St. Julien Church & School	2A 1R 17P	Leasehold	ZL-236
Poole River Presbyterian School		Freehold	B-768

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Identification of Property by Pastoral Regions	Size	Status Tenure	Wardens Assessment/ Deed No.
Aramalaya Pastoral Region			
Archibald Vocational Institute	4A 0R 0P	Leasehold	R-132
Tacarigua Church	2 lots	Freehold	K-107
Tacarigua School	0A 2R 0P	Freehold	ZL-59
Hillview College	10 Acres	Leasehold	Z-5
Cochrane Street	4 lots		Z-133
Tunapuna Church, Sheriff Street Manse	4 lots	Freehold	Z-134
Tacarigua School	2 lots		ZL-60
Kelly Village Church	1411-3 M2	Freehold	5ZF-207
Warrenville Church	6 lots	Freehold	ZK-69
Arima Pastoral Region			
San Carlos	546.0 M2	Freehold	ZZV-114
San Carlos	545.7 M2	Freehold	ZZV-113
St. Helena Church & School	5¾ lots		
Arouca Lands	16,539 sq.ft.	Freehold	4ZE -220
Malabar	2 lots	Freehold	
Arima Church	3 lots	Freehold	
Valencia	2 lots	Leasehold	

Passed in the House of Representatives this 19th day
of September, 2007.

Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 25th day of September, 2007.

Clerk of the Senate