

**CHAPTER 444**

**COLOMBO GOSPEL TABERNACLE**

*Law* A LAW TO INCORPORATE THE COLOMBO GOSPEL TABERNACLE.  
 No. 45 of 1975.

*[5th December, 1975.]*

- 1.** This Law may be cited as the Colombo Gospel Tabernacle (Incorporation) Law.
- 2.** From and after the date of commencement of this Law, such and so many persons as now are members of the Colombo Gospel Tabernacle (hereinafter referred to as "the Tabernacle") or shall hereafter be admitted members of the Corporation hereby constituted, shall be and become a corporation with perpetual succession under the name and style of "The Colombo Gospel Tabernacle" (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation") and by that name shall and may sue and be sued in all Courts, with full power and authority to have and to use a common seal and to change and alter the same at its will and pleasure.
- 3.** The general objects of the Corporation shall be to continue the objects adopted by the Tabernacle on 30th January, 1937, and for such purpose, among other activities—
- (a) to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ by means of—
    - (i) holding regular Christian worship, devotional and public meetings, and conferences, lectures, exhibitions and classes of an educational and spiritual character,
    - (ii) printing, publishing and distributing literature, magazines and newspapers,
    - (iii) conducting radio broadcasts and correspondence courses, and
    - (iv) establishing Bible colleges, orphanages and hospitals; and
  - (6) to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.
- 4.** The Corporation shall have the power to do, perform and execute all such acts, matters and things whatsoever as are necessary or desirable for the promotion or furtherance of the objects of the Corporation or any one of them including the power to open, operate and close bank accounts, to borrow or raise moneys with or without security, and to engage, employ and dismiss personnel required for the carrying out of the objects of the Corporation.
- 5.** (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, be administered by a Board of Deacons, consisting of the Pastor, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and such other persons as may be provided for in such rules and elected in accordance therewith.
- (2) The first Board of Deacons of the Corporation shall be the Board of Deacons of the Tabernacle holding office on the date of commencement of this Law.
- 6.** (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting of the members and by a majority of votes, to make rules for the admission, withdrawal, or expulsion of members, for the conduct of the duties of the Board of Deacons and of the various officers, agents and servants of the Corporation, for the procedure in the transaction of business, and otherwise

General powers of the Corporation.

Board of Deacons.

Rules of the Corporation.

generally for the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the accomplishment of its objects. Such rules when made may, at a like meeting, be altered, added to, amended, or cancelled, subject however to the requirements of subsection (2).

(2) No rule of the Corporation for the time being in force nor any rule which may hereafter be passed shall be altered, added to, amended or cancelled, except by a vote of two-thirds of at least one-half of the voting membership at a general meeting and provided that notice of such alteration, addition, amendment or cancellation shall have been posted in the bulletin board at least two weeks prior to such meeting and also announced at two main devotional services of a regular nature.

(3) The rules of the Tabernacle in force on the date of commencement of this Law shall be deemed to be the rules of the Corporation made under this section.

(4) All members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules of the Corporation for the time being in force.

Debts due by and payable to the Tabernacle.

7. All debts and liabilities of the Tabernacle existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Law shall be

paid by the Corporation hereby constituted, and all debts due to and subscriptions and contributions payable to the Tabernacle shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Law.

8. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of the Honorary Secretary and another member of the Board of Deacons, who shall sign their names to the instrument in token of their presence, and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

How the seal of the Corporation is to be affixed.

9. The Corporation shall be capable in law to take and hold any property, movable or immovable, which may become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, grant, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise, and all such property shall be held by the Corporation for the purposes of this Law and subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, with full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of the same.

Corporation may hold properly movable and immovable.

10. Nothing in this Law contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic, or of any body politic or corporate, or of any other persons, except such as are mentioned in this Law and others claiming by, from, or under them.

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.