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**WHEREAS it was established in Trinidad and Tobago an ^{Preamble}
organization known as Mount Lebanon Independent
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And whereas it is expedient that the organization should be incorporated for the purpose of exercising the powers set out in this Act:

Enactment	ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:
Short title	1. This Act may be cited as Mount Lebanon Independent Spiritual Baptist Church, the Sacred Choice of Heaven (Incorporation) Act, 2001.
Interpretation	<p>2. In this Act—</p> <p>“Archbishop” means the person appointed to be the head of the Mount Lebanon Independent Spiritual Baptist Church, the Sacred Choice of Heaven (hereinafter called “The Spiritual Baptist Church”);</p> <p>“Board” means the Board established under section 4 of this Act;</p> <p>“President” means the President of the Board appointed under section 4 of this Act; and</p> <p>“Secretary” means the person who is appointed to conduct the correspondence of the Spiritual Baptist Church, and to keep the records of the meetings of the Board.</p>
Incorporation	3. The Spiritual Baptist Church is hereby created a body corporate.
Establishment and composition of the Board	<p>4. (1) There is hereby established a Board, consisting of ten members, including a President and Vice-President.</p> <p>(2) Members of the Board shall be elected by the members of the congregation in an election meeting, by a show of hands.</p>
Aims and objects	<p>5. The aims and objects of the Spiritual Baptist Church are to—</p> <p>(a) raise the spiritual consciousness of its members to a plane where they will have an</p>

understanding of the Spiritual Baptist Church's truth of Christianity, so that they will be better able to serve God;

- (b) to foster collaboration of all religious organizations with a view to bringing about the spiritual and economic advancement of its members; and
- (c) to set high moral standards of discipline and conduct for the encouragement of the spiritual development of its members.

6. The functions of the Spiritual Baptist Church are ^{Functions} to—

- (a) to assist in the establishment of educational, charitable and welfare institutions for its members;
- (b) to baptize, teach, train and ordain duly qualified persons in the Ministry of Our Lord Jesus Christ; and
- (c) to undertake to do all other things necessary to carry into effect the aims and objects of the Spiritual Baptist Church.

7. In furtherance of its aims, objectives and ^{Powers} functions the Spiritual Baptist Church shall have the power—

- (a) to acquire property by the way of purchases, donations, subscriptions, contributions or otherwise;
- (b) to accept surrenders on reconveyances and to enter into contracts;
- (c) to raise or borrow money and to provide security for such borrowing;
- (d) to sue and be sued in its corporate name;
- (e) to have a common seal and to alter or change it;
- (f) to regulate its own procedure and business; and

(g) generally to do all things necessary or expedient for the conduct of the affairs of the Spiritual Baptist Church, not provided herein.

Vesting of property **8.** All real and personal property now held by or vested in any person for the use and benefit of the Spiritual Baptist Church is hereby transferred to and vested in the Spiritual Baptist Church.

Mode of execution of documents **9.** Every document requiring the seal of the Spiritual Baptist Church shall be sealed with the common seal of the Spiritual Baptist Church in the presence of the Archbishop or President and the Secretary for the time being in office (or in the event of incapacity, by some other person or persons authorised for that purpose by the Spiritual Baptist Church) who shall both sign the document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the seal was duly affixed and is the lawful seal of the Spiritual Baptist Church.

Service of documents **10.** The Spiritual Baptist Church shall at all times have a fixed address for the service of documents and that 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.

Power to make rules **11.** The Spiritual Baptist Church may make rules for the conduct of its proceedings and the discharge of its duties, powers and functions.

Saving of State or other rights **12.** Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any other person, except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

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Passed in the Senate this day of 2001.

Clerk of the Senate

I confirm the above.

President of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this
day of , 2001.

Clerk of the House

I confirm the above.

Speaker

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