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# Salvation Army Ordinance

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An Ordinance to incorporate the General of the Salvation Army as a Corporation sole having perpetual succession and to vest the property of the Salvation Army in the Straits Settlements in such Corporation.

[15th September 1939]

Whereas by a Deed Poll (hereinafter called “the Deed of Constitution”) dated the 7th day of August 1878 and under the hand and seal of William Booth (the founder and General Superintendent of a Religious Society or Organisation known as “the Christian Mission”) and afterwards enrolled in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in England the origin name doctrines and purposes of the said Christian Mission were recited and stated:

And Whereas at some time before the 24th day of June 1880, the name of the said Religious Society or Organisation was changed from “the Christian Mission” to “The Salvation Army” as appears by a

Memorandum of that date under the hand of the said William Booth endorsed on the Deed of Constitution and afterwards enrolled in the Central Office of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England:

And Whereas the said Religious Society or Organisation has since been and is now known as The Salvation Army and the General Superintendent thereof has since been and is now known as The General of the Salvation Army:

And Whereas by a Deed Poll (hereinafter called “the Supplemental Deed of Constitution”) dated the 26th day of July, 1904, under the hand and seal of the said William Booth and afterwards enrolled in the Central Office of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England the provisions of the Deed of Constitution were supplemented by provisions dealing with matters and contingencies not taken account of in the Deed of Constitution:

And Whereas by a Deed Poll dated the 21st day of November, 1930, under the hand and seal of Edward John Higgins and afterwards enrolled in the Central Office of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England the provisions of the Supplemental Deed of Constitution were (pursuant to a power in that behalf thereby reserved) added to and varied:

And Whereas Evangeline Booth has been duly appointed and still is the General of the Salvation Army:

And Whereas the said Evangeline Booth has acquired certain movable property in the Colony for the purposes of and upon trust for the Salvation Army and it is expedient that provision be made for the vesting of such movable property in a corporation sole having perpetual succession for the benefit of and upon trust for the Salvation Army:

And Whereas it is expedient for the furtherance of the work carried on by the Salvation Army that immovable property in this Colony be acquired and that provision be made for the vesting of such immovable property to be so acquired in a corporation sole having perpetual succession for the benefit of and upon trust for the Salvation Army:

It is hereby enacted by the Governor of the Straits Settlements with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:

### **Short title**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Salvation Army Ordinance 1939.

### **General of the Salvation Army to be deemed a corporation sole**

2.—(i) The General of the Salvation Army for the time being shall be deemed a corporation sole (hereinafter called “the Corporation”) and shall be known and described as “The General of the Salvation Army” and by this name shall have perpetual succession and shall and may have and use a corporate seal.

(ii) The said seal may from time to time be broken, changed, altered and made anew as to the Corporation seems fit.

### **Movable property vested in the Corporation**

3. All movable property in this Colony now vested in the said Evangeline Booth is hereby vested in the Corporation to the like extent to which the same vested in the said Evangeline Booth prior to the commencement of this Ordinance.

### **Power of the Corporation to acquire immovable and movable property**

4. The Corporation shall have full power to acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance, or otherwise any immovable or movable property in this Colony or any estate or interest therein.

### **The Corporation entitled to sell, mortgage, etc.**

5. The Corporation shall, subject to any restraint, reservation or condition contained in the document under which it shall acquire title thereto have full power and be entitled to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange, partition, or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property (immovable as well as movable) which may for the time being be vested in or have been acquired by it under any of the provisions of this Ordinance.

**Use of the Corporate Seal**

6.—(i) All deeds, documents and other instruments requiring the seal of the Corporation shall be sealed with the seal of the Corporation in the presence of the General for the time being of the Salvation Army or his attorney duly authorised by a power of attorney deposited under section 48 of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Ordinance [1955 Ed., Cap. 243] and shall also be signed by the General for the time being or his attorney so authorised as aforesaid.

(ii) Such signing shall be and be taken as sufficient evidence that the said seal was duly and properly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Corporation.

**Powers of suing and being sued**

7. The Corporation may sue and be sued and take all legal proceedings in any of the Courts of the Colony and all Writs of Summons, notices and legal process may be served upon the Corporation by being left at the residence in this Colony of the duly appointed Attorney of the General for the time being of the Salvation Army.

**Change of person holding office of General not to affect property and interest**

8. No change of the person holding the office of General of the Salvation Army shall affect any immovable or movable property or any interest therein vested in the Corporation but the same shall notwithstanding any such change continue to be vested in the Corporation.

**Who to be deemed General of the Salvation Army**

9. Upon the lodging at the office of the Minister of a copy or copies certified by the Chief of the Staff of the Salvation Army or the Commissioner acting for the time being as the Chief of the Staff of the Salvation Army of a document or documents purporting to be or to record the appointment of and acceptance of office by a General of the Salvation Army it shall be deemed to be conclusive in evidence that the person named in such certified copy or copies is the person duly authorised to exercise the office of the General for the time being of

the Salvation Army until the recording and lodging of a similarly certified copy or copies as aforesaid.

*[S(NS)177/59]*

### **Power to appoint Attorney**

**10.** The General for the time being of the Salvation Army shall have power to appoint an Attorney for such time and purposes and with such powers as may be stated in the power of attorney and a notarially certified copy of the said power of attorney shall be lodged at the office of the Minister and the donee of the said power of attorney shall be deemed to be the duly authorised Attorney of the General for the time being of the Salvation Army until the recording and lodging of a subsequent and similarly certified copy power of attorney.

*[S(NS)177/59]*

### **Not to prejudice the right of Government, etc.**

**11.** Nothing in this Ordinance shall prejudice or affect the right of the Government or any body politic or corporate or of any other person or persons, except such as are mentioned in this Ordinance and those claiming by, from, through, or under them.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
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This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Salvation Army Ordinance 1939. It is not part of this Ordinance.

**1. Ordinance 23 of 1939 — Salvation Army Ordinance 1939**

Date of commencement : 15 September 1939

**2. 1955 Revised Edition — Salvation Army Ordinance (Cap. 316)**

Date of operation : 1 May 1955

**3. G. N. No. S (NS) 177/1959 — The Singapore Constitution (Modification of Laws) (No. 3) Order 1959**

Date of commencement : 20 November 1959

**4. 1985 Revised Edition — Salvation Army Ordinance**

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**5. Act 7 of 1997 — Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1997**

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