

No. 12 of 2002.

The Methodist Church (Amendment) Act, 2002. 1

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AND
BARBUDA



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I Assent,

James B. Carlisle,
Governor-General.

10th September, 2002.

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AN ACT to amend the Methodist Church Act, Cap. 280.

[17th October, 2002]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows —

1. This Act may be cited as the Methodist Church (Amendment) Act, 2002. **Short title.**

2. **The Methodist Church** Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended in section 2 by the repeal of paragraph (u) and the substitution of the following — **Amendment of section 2 — Interpretation.**

"(u) "local bodies" in relation to the Church or the Parent Church **means** districts, circuits and societies, congregations or local churches, or such other local bodies as the work of the Church or the Parent Church **may** be ordered in for the **time** being, and the **synods, meetings** and other governing **bodies thereof;**"

Amendment of
section 9 —
Contents of Deed
of Church Order.

3. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended as follows —

(a) by the repeal of paragraphs (i) and (ii) of subsection (d) and the substitution of the following —

“(d) (i) (in all cases) a resolution passed by the Representative Session by the votes of not less than three-fourths of the members of that Session present and entitled to vote; and

(d) (ii) (in the case of a revocation, alteration or addition which affects the continuance of the Ministerial Session as a separate body or the respective powers of the Representative and Ministerial Sessions) a resolution passed by the Ministerial Session meeting separately by the votes of not less than three-fourths of the members of that Session present and entitled to vote.”

(b) by the repeal of paragraphs (i) and (ii) of subsection (e) and the substitution of the following —

“(e) (i) That so long as the Conference or other governing assembly of the church consists of both a Representative Session and a Ministerial Session as described in subsection (b)(i) of this section the power to unite with any other such church or organisation shall not be exercisable unless the terms and conditions of the proposed union have been approved by such resolutions and majorities in accordance in all respects with such formalities as are prescribed by paragraphs (i) and (ii) of subsection (d) of this section, notwithstanding that the provisions of the Deed of Church Order corresponding to the said paragraphs may have been revoked or altered.

(ii) That so long as the Conference or other governing assembly of the Church does not consist of such Sessions as aforesaid such

power shall not be exercisable unless the terms and conditions of the **proposed** union have been approved by a resolution of **the** Conference or such other governing **assembly** passed by the votes **of not** less than three-fourths of the members thereof present and entitled to vote."

4. Section 24 of the **principal** Act is amended by the **repeal** of subsections (a) and (b) and the substitution **of the following** — **Amendment of section 24 (a) and (b) Model Trust.**

"(a) It **shall** be lawful for the Foundation Conference, by resolution in **that** behalf, or for the Conference, by resolution **passed** in such manner as may for the time **being** be **required** for the alteration of the Deed of Church Order, to **settle** and adopt a **form** of **model trusts** (being the **Model** Trusts) capable of application to **any** lands **held** or to be held in connection with **the Church** or **any** of its local or ancillary bodies for the purposes of a church, chapel, vestry, minister's or other dwelling-house, day or Sunday school, **schoolroom**, lecture hall, mission hall, or other building or burial ground.

(b) It shall be **lawful** for the Conference, by resolution passed **as** aforesaid from time to time to revoke, alter or add to any of the provisions of the **Model Trusts** other than any such provisions embodying the Doctrinal Standards."

5. The Sixth Schedule of the principal Act is amended by the addition of the following parcels of land — **Amendment of Sixth Schedule.**

Lands vested in the Corporation

<i>Short Description of Property and Location</i>	<i>Purpose for which property now used</i>
Land at Hodges Bay St. John's Parish	Site for Ministers Residence
Land at Cassada Gardens St. John's	Site of Church and surrounding lands

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Passed the House of Representatives
this 29th day of July, 2002.

Passed the Senate this 15th day
of August, 2002.

B. Harris,
Speaker.

M. Percival,
President.

S. Walker,
Clerk to the House of Representatives.

S. Walker,
Clerk to the Senate.

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