

**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF**   
**SRI LANKA**

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**UNITED CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**   
**OF SRI LANKA (INCORPORATION)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to incorporate the United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka**

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*Presented by the Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, M. P.*   
*for Matara District on 23rd of June, 2021*

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AN ACTTOINCORPORATETHE UNITED CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP   
OF SRI LANKA

WHEREAS an association called and known as the Preamble.

“United Christian Fellowship” has heretofore been established in Sri Lanka for the puropse of effectually carrying out and transacting all matters connected with the said 5 association:

AND WHEREAS the said association has heretofore suecessfully carried out and transacted the several objects and matters for which it was established and had applied to be incorporated by Act of Parliament, and it will be for the 10 public advantage to grant the application.

BE it therefore enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

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| **1.** | This Act may be cited as the United Christian | Short title. |

Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2021.

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| 15 | **2.** | From and after the date of commencement of this Act, | Incorporation |
| 20 | such and so many persons as now are members of the | | of the |
| Association |
| United Christian Fellowship (hereinafter referred to as the | |
| of the United |
| “Association”) or shall hereafter be admitted members of the | |
| Christian |
| Corporation hereby constituted shall be a body corporate | | Fellowship of |
| Sri Lanka. |
| (hereinafter referred to as “the Corporation”) with perpetual | |

succession under the name and style of “United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka”, and by that name may sue and be sued in all courts, with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and to alter the same at its pleasure.

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| 25 | **3.** | The general objects for which the Corporation is | General |
| constituted are hereby declared to be— | | objects of the |
| Corporation. |
| (*a*) | to evangelise and proclaim the full Gospel of our |

Load Jesus Christ as commissioned by Him in the

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Holy Scriptures in the Book of Matthew, Chapter   
28 Verses 18-20 and in the Book of Mark, Chapter   
16 Verses 16-20;

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| 5 | (*b*) | to adimit as members of the Association those belive |
| and accept the full Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ |

as written in the Holy Scriptures and who claim our   
Lord Jesus Christ as their personal saviour;

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| 10 | (*c*) | to assist members of the association to worship our |
| Lord Jesus Christ, as an assembly of believers, |
| gathered together (in spirit and in truth) as is |

commanded in the word of God in the Holy   
Scriptures;

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| 15 | (*d*) | to enable members of the association to worship our |
| Lord Jesus Christ, as an assembly of believers |
| gathered together (in spirit and in truth) as is |

commanded in the word of God in the Holy   
Scriptures;

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| 20 | (*e*) | to enable members of the association to claim full |
| salvation including salvation from sin, sickness and |
| suffering and thereby assisting such members to |

prosper spiritually by caliming all the promises of   
our Lord Jesus Christ as is found in the Holy   
Scriptures;

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| 25 | (*f*) | to establish Sunday Schools, Bible Colleges, Retreat |
| and Conference Centres and Discipleship Training |

Centres for members who believe and are committed   
to spread Chirstian evangelism by Biblical   
disciplining and Christian church planting as

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| 30 | (*g*) | commissioned and commanded in the Book of Acts |
| of the Holy Scripture according to Paul; |
| to establish the right to ordain and to give |

credentials to Ministers of the Church or other   
workers of church assembly, who desire to obtain   
such rights from this association;

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(*h*) to affiliate with Christian Assemblies having similar   
 doctrinal objectives in Sri Lanka or abroad;

(*i*) to print, publish and distribute, books, treatises,   
 journals, magazines, newspapers & newsletters on

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| 5 | (*j*) | Christianity; |
| to hold public gospel meetings, discussions, |

seminars and conventions on the teachings of our   
Lord Jesus Christ;

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| 10 | (k) | to establish daycare centres, Montessori schools, |
| vocational training institutes, medical centres and |

such other projects of a community development   
nature to improve the quality of life of all persons   
irrespective of their racial or religious persuasions;

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| 15 | (l) | to do all such other acts and things as are incidental |
| or conducive to the attainment of the aforesaid |

objects or any one or them.

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| 20 | **4.** | Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other | General |
| written law, the Corporation shall have the power to do, | | Powers of the |
| Corporation. |
| perform and execute all such acts, matters and things | |
| whatsoever, as are necessary or desirable for the promotion | |

and 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, to receive or collect grants and donations, to invest 25 its funds, and to engage employ and dismiss officers and servants required for the carrying out of the objects of the Corporation.

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| 30 | **5.** | (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the | Management |
| rules of the Corporation, be administered by a Committee of | | of the affairs |
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| Management consisting of the office bearers and such other | |
| Corporation. |
| persons as may be provided for in such rules and elected in | |

accordance therewith.

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(2) The first Committee of Management of the Corporation shall be the Committee of Management of the association holding office on the day prior to the date of commencement of this Act.

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| 5 | **6.** | (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to | Rules of the |
| time, at any general meeting of the members and by majority | | Corporation. |

of the votes, of not less than three fourths of the members present and voting to make Rules, not inconsistent with the provision of this Act or any other written law for the admission, 10 withdrawal, resignation, retirement or expulsion of members, for the election of office-bearers of the Committee of Management and for the conduct of the duties of the Committee of Management and of the various officers, agents and servants of the Corporation for the procedure to be 15 followed in the transaction of business, and otherwise 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 and in like manner, be altered, added to, amended or rescinded subject however to the provisions 20 of subsection (2).

(2) No rule of the Corporation made under subsection (1) shall be altered, added to, amended or rescinded except by a vote of three-fourths of the members present and voting at a General Meeting and unless such alteration, addition 25 amendment or rescission, shall have been previously approved by the Committee of Management.

(3) The rules of the association in force on the day prior to the date of commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be the ruels of the Corporation made under this section insofar 30 as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any other written law.

(4) The members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules of the Corporation.

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| 5 | **7.** | All properties movable or immovable in the name of | Movable & |
| the Association United Christian Fellowship shall be deemed | | immovable |
| properties |
| to vest in the Corporation of United Christian Fellowship of | |
| held by the |
| Sri Lanka. | |
| Association. |
| **8.** | The Corporation shall be capable in law, to acquire | Corporation |
| 10 | and hold any property, movable or immovable which may | | may hold |
| property |
| become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, grant, gift, | |
| movable and |
| testamentary disposition or otherwise and all such property | |
| immovable. |
| shall be held by the Corporation for the purposes of this Act, | |
| and shall, subject to the rules of the Corporation, have full | |

power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.

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| 15 | **9.** | The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to | How the seal |
| any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of two of | | of the |
| Corporation |
| the members of the Committee of Management who shall | |
| is to be |
| sign their names to the instrument in token of their presence, | |
| affixed. |
| and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any | |

person as a witness.

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| 20 | **10.** | Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or | Saving of the |
| affect the rights of the Republic, or any body politic or | | rights of the |
| Republic and |
| corporate, or of any other persons, except such as are | |
| others. |
| mentioned in this Act, and those claiming by, from or under | |

them.

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| 25 | **11.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the | Sinhala text |
| Sinhala and the Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall | | to prevail in |
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| inconsistency. |

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