



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

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

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BILL

to incorporate the United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka

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for Matara District on 23rd of June, 2021*

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*United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka
(Incorporation)*

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE 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 purpose of effectually carrying
out and transacting all matters connected with the said
5 association:

AND WHEREAS the said association has heretofore
successfully 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 :—

1. This Act may be cited as the United Christian Short title.
Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2021.

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

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
Lord 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;

- 5 (b) to admit as members of the Association those believe 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;
- 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;
- 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;
- 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 claiming all the promises of our Lord Jesus Christ as is found in the Holy Scriptures;
- 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 Christian evangelism by Biblical disciplining and Christian church planting as commissioned and commanded in the Book of Acts
- 30 of the Holy Scripture according to Paul;
- (g) 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;

- (h) to affiliate with Christian Assemblies having similar doctrinal objectives in Sri Lanka or abroad;
- 5 (i) to print, publish and distribute, books, treatises, journals, magazines, newspapers & newsletters on Christianity;
- (j) to hold public gospel meetings, discussions, seminars and conventions on the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- 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;
- 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.
4. Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other written law, the Corporation shall have the power to do, perform and execute all such acts, matters and things
20 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.
5. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the rules of the Corporation, be administered by a Committee of
30 Management consisting of the office bearers and such other persons as may be provided for in such rules and elected in accordance therewith.

General
Powers of the
Corporation.

Management
of the affairs
of the
Corporation.

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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.

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 rules 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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7. All properties movable or immovable in the name of the Association United Christian Fellowship shall be deemed to vest in the Corporation of United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka. Movable & immovable properties held by the Association.
- 5 8. The Corporation shall be capable in law, to acquire 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 Act, Corporation may hold property movable and immovable.
- 10 and shall, subject to the rules of the Corporation, have full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.
9. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of two of the members of the Committee of Management 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.
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10. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic, or any body politic or corporate, or of any other persons, except such as are mentioned in this Act, and those claiming by, from or under them. Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.
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11. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and the Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.
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