

*Religious Institutions Ordinance.*

entitled by law to hold lands in trust for the use of a Congregation or Religious Body, may let, for any term not exceeding twenty-one years, lands so held by them for the use of a Congregation or Religious Body, at such rent and upon such terms as the Trustees or a majority of them deem reasonable; and in the lease they may covenant or agree for the renewal thereof at the expiration of any or every term of twenty-one years, for a further term of twenty-one years, or a less period, at such rent and on such terms as may then by the Trustees for the time being be agreed upon with the Lessee, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, or may covenant or agree for the payment to the Lessee, his executors, administrators, or assigns, of the value of any buildings or other improvements which may, at the expiration of any term, be in the demised premises, and the mode of ascertaining the amount of such rent, or the value of such improvements, may also be specified in the original lease.

but not without consent of Congregation.

V. But Trustees shall not have the power so to let, without the consent of the Congregation or Religious Body, for whose use they hold the land in trust, such consent to be signified by the votes of a majority of the members present at a meeting of the Congregation or Religious Body duly called for the purpose, nor to let any land, which at the time of making the lease is necessary, for the purpose of erecting a Church, Place of Worship, or other building thereon, or for a Burial Ground for the Congregation for whose use the land is held.

Trustees may sue.

VI. The Trustees, for the time being, entitled by law to hold land in trust for a Congregation or Religious Body, may, in their own names or by any name by which they hold the land, sue or distrain for rent in arrear, and take all such means for the recovery thereof as landlords in other cases are entitled to take.

Trustees may dispose of property of Religious bodies;

VII. When land held by Trustees for the use of a Congregation or Religious Body becomes unnecessary to be retained for such use, and it is deemed advantageous to sell the land, the Trustees for the time being may give public notice of an intended sale, specifying the premises to be sold, and the times and terms of sale; and after publication of the notice for four successive weeks in a weekly newspaper published in or near the place where the lands are situated, and in the *Government Gazette*, may proceed to sell the land at public auction according to the notice, but the Trustees shall not be obliged to complete or carry into effect the sale, if in their judgment an adequate price is not offered for the land, and the Trustees may thereafter proceed to sell the land either by public or private sale; but a less sum shall not be accepted at private sale than was offered at public sale. And before a deed is executed in pursuance of a public or private sale, the Congregation or Religious Body for whose use the lands are held, shall be duly notified thereof and their sanction obtained by Resolution passed at a meeting called for that purpose.

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Trustees to prepare and submit to Congregation a statement of their transactions.

VIII. Trustees selling or leasing land under the authority of this Ordinance, shall, on the first Monday in July in every year, have ready and open for the inspection of the Congregation or Religious Body which they represent, and of any Minister thereof, a detailed statement showing all rents which accrued during the preceding year, and all sums of money whatever in their hands for the use and benefit of the Congregation or Religious Body, and which were in any manner derived from the lands under their control or subject to their management, and also showing the application of any portion of the money which has been expended on behalf of the Congregation or Religious Body.

Empowers Courts to examine Trustees.

IX. The Supreme Court having jurisdiction may, in a summary manner, on complaint upon oath by three members of a Congregation or Religious Body of any misfeasance or misconduct on the part of Trustees in the performance of duties authorised by this Ordinance, call upon the Trustees to give in an account, and may enforce the rendering of such account, the discharge of any