



# PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

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## CALVARY CHURCH OF SRI LANKA (INCORPORATION) (AMENDMENT)

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### BILL

to amend the Calvary Church of Sri Lanka (Incorporation)  
Act, No. 2 of 1999

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*Presented by the Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam, M.P.  
for Jaffna District on 09th of July, 2026*

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*Calvary Church of Sri Lanka (Incorporation)*  
(Amendment)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CALVARY CHURCH OF SRI LANKA  
(INCORPORATION) ACT, No. 2 OF 1999

WHEREAS the Calvary Church of Sri Lanka was incorporated by the Calvary Church of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Act, No. 2 of 1999:

Preamble

AND WHEREAS the members of the Calvary Church of Sri Lanka have resolved to amend certain sections in the aforesaid Act, for the purpose of giving effect to the said resolution and it will be expedient to grant such amendment:

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 Calvary Church of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) (Amendment) Act, No. of 2026.

Short Title

2. The second paragraph of the Preamble to the Calvary Church of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Act, No. 2 of 1999 is hereby repealed and the following paragraphs are substituted therefor:-

Amendment  
of the  
Preamble of  
Act, No. 2 of  
1999

“AND WHEREAS the said Society was later incorporated as a company under section 21 of the Companies Act, No. 17 of 1982 under the name and style of ‘The Calvary Church Limited’ on the 5th day of December 1986:

AND WHEREAS the said Calvary Church Limited has heretofore successfully carried out and transacted the several objects and matters for which it was formed and has applied to be incorporated, and it will be for the public advantage to grant such application:”.

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3. Section 2 of Act, No. 2 of 1999 is hereby amended as follows:-

Amendment  
of section 2 of  
Act, No. 2 of  
1999

- (i) by the substitution for the word  
“Society” of the word “Company”;
- 5        (ii) by the replacement of “Calvary Church  
of Sri Lanka” in lines 2 and 3 with  
“Calvary Church of Sri Lanka Limited”.

4. Section 3 of Act, No. 2 of 1999 is hereby amended as follows:-

Amendment  
of section 3 of  
Act, No. 2 of  
1999

- 10        (i) Incorporating the phrase “Subject to the  
provisions of any other written law” at  
the commencement of the said section;
- (ii) in paragraph (a) of that section by the  
substitution for the word “Society” of  
15        the word “Company”.

5. Section 4 of Act, No. 2 of 1999 is hereby amended by incorporating a proviso to the said section at the end of the section:-

Amendment  
of section 4 of  
Act, No. 2 of  
1999

20        “Provided that the Corporation shall obtain prior  
written approval of the Department of External resources  
in respect of all foreign funding including grants, gifts or  
donations received by or made to the body corporate.”.

6. Section 5 of Act, No. 2 of 1999 is hereby amended in  
subsection (2) of that section by the substitution for the word  
25        “Society” of the word “Company”.

Amendment  
of section 5 of  
Act, No. 2 of  
1999

7. Section 6 of Act, No. 2 of 1999 is hereby amended as follows: -

Renumbering  
section 6 of  
Act, No. 2 of  
1999

- (a) by the renumbering of that section as  
section 6 (1) of that enactment;

(b) by the insertion immediately after renumbered subsection (1) of that section of the following new subsection (2): -

5                                   “6 (2) All movable and immovable  
                                  properties of the Company, whether held in  
                                  the name of the Company or in the name or  
                                  in the names of any person or persons in trust  
                                  for the Company on the date of the coming  
                                  into operation of this Act shall vest in the  
10                               Corporation hereby constituted with effect  
                                  from that date.”.

**8.** Section 8 of Act, No. 2 of 1999 is hereby amended by deleting all words commencing from “...or of any other persons” until the end of the section.

15      **9. Inclusion of a new section 8A-**

## “Accounting and Auditing

**8A.** (1) The financial year of the body corporate shall be the calendar year.

20 (2) The body corporate shall cause proper accounts to be kept of its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities and all other transactions of the body corporate.

(3) The accounts of the body corporate shall be audited annually by the Auditor General or by a qualified auditor appointed by the Auditor General in terms of the provisions of the Article 154 of the Constitution and be certified by the Auditor General or such qualified auditor.

30 (4) For the purpose of this section  
“qualified auditor” means-

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- 5                                (a) an individual who, being a member  
                                      of the Institute of Chartered  
                                      Accountants of Sri Lanka or of any  
                                      other Institute established by law,  
                                      possesses a certificate to practice as  
                                      an Accountant, issued by the Council  
                                      of such institute;
- 10                              (b) a firm of Accountants, each resident  
                                      partners of which, being a member  
                                      of the Institute of Chartered  
                                      Accountants of Sri Lanka or of any  
                                      other Institute established by law,  
                                      possesses a certificate to practice as  
                                      an Accountant issued by the Council  
15                              of such Institute.”.

**10. Inclusion of a new Section 8B-**

Inclusion of  
a new  
section 8B

“Annual  
reports

20                              **8B.** (1) The Corporation shall prepare a  
                                      report of the activities of the Body Corporate  
                                      for each financial year and submit such  
                                      report together with the audited statement of  
                                      accounts, a list of all assets and liabilities of  
                                      the Body Corporate certified by the Auditor  
                                      General or qualified auditor appointed by  
                                      the Auditor General, referred to in section  
25                              8A to the Secretary of the Ministry of  
                                      Buddhasasana and Religious and Cultural  
                                      Affairs and to the Registrar of Voluntary  
                                      Services Organizations appointed by the  
                                      Voluntary Service Organizations before the  
30                              expiry of six months of the year succeeding  
                                      the year to which such report related.

(2) A separate statement of accounts  
relating to the foreign and local moneys

received by the body corporate during the financial year shall be attached to the report referred to in subsection (1).”.

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

