

# BILL

No. 4 of 1927.

An Act to Incorporate the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1927.)

**W**HEREAS the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, hereinafter referred to and designated as "the Church," has for its objects the promotion of religious and charitable work, the unification and extension of the interests of the gospel in Alberta and the mission fields of the world, the promotion and support of Christian Missions and missionary and Bible schools and colleges throughout Alberta, the erection, maintenance and conduct of churches, schools and colleges in Alberta, and the administration in Alberta of the property, business and other temporal affairs of the church; and

Whereas a petition has been presented by the Reverend Alvin Traub, the Reverend Clifford Hallman, Theodore Reist, Melancthon Shantz and Norman Betzner Snyder, praying that the members of the Church from time to time engaged in the carrying out of the said objects in the Province of Alberta, be incorporated under the name of "Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church"; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;

Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

**1.** The Reverend Alvin Traub, Clergyman; the Reverend Clifford Hallman, Clergyman; Theodore Reist, Farmer, Melancthon Shantz, Farmer, all of the Town of Didsbury, in the Province of Alberta, and Norman Betzner Snyder, of the Village of Carstairs, in the said Province, Farmer, and such other persons who are members of the Church and resident in the Province of Alberta, or who are members of the Church and shall become residents of the Province of Alberta, shall be and are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate by the name of "Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church" for the purposes and objects in this Act mentioned. Members

**2.** The Domicile or head office of the Church shall be at the Town of Didsbury, in the Province of Alberta, or in such other place in Alberta as may from time to time be designated by by-law of the Church. Head office

- Objects**           **3.** The objects of the corporation are to promote religious and charitable work and unify and extend the interests of the gospel in Alberta and the mission fields of the world, and to promote and support Christian Missions and Missionary Schools and Colleges throughout Alberta, and to erect, maintain, and conduct churches, schools and colleges in Alberta, and to administer in Alberta the property, business and other temporal affairs of the Church.
- Trustees**           **4.** The Trustees of the Church shall consist of the Chairman and Treasurer of the Annual Conference of the Church in Alberta, and three others to be elected by the said Annual Conference.
- Present trustees**   **5.** The Reverend Alvin Traub and Melancthon Shantz, both of Didsbury, in the Province of Alberta, Chairman and Treasurer respectively of the Conference of the Church in Alberta, by virtue of their said offices of Chairman and Treasurer aforesaid, and their successors in office, the Reverend Clifford Hallman and Theodore Reist, both of Didsbury, Alberta, and Norman Betzner Snyder, of Carstairs, Alberta, being the present Trustees of the Church, shall continue as the Trustees of the Church until the Church in annual conference otherwise provides, and shall exercise all the powers and functions of the Church.
- By-laws**           **6.** The Church may, from time to time, make by-laws not contrary to law for—
- (a) the appointment, subject as herein provided, of a board of trustees for the administration, management and control of the property, business and other temporal affairs of the Church and defining the powers of the trustees;
  - (b) the appointment, functions, duties and remuneration of all officers, agents and servants of the Church;
  - (c) the appointment of committees and defining their duties;
  - (d) the calling of meetings, regular or special, of the Church or of committees;
  - (e) the fixing of the necessary quorum and procedure in all things at such meetings;
  - (f) generally the carrying out of the objects and purposes of the Church.
- Acquisition and holding of real estate**   **7.** From and after the coming into force of this Act the Church may purchase, take, have, hold, receive, possess, retain and enjoy property, real or personal, corporeal or incorporeal, whatsoever, and for any or every estate of interest therein whatsoever given, granted, devised or bequeathed to it, or appropriated, purchased or acquired by it in any manner or way whatsoever, to, for, or in favour of the uses and purposes of the Church, or to, for or in favour of any religious, educational, eleemosynary or other institution es-

tablished, or intended to be established, by, under the management of, or in connection with the uses or purposes of the Church.

**8.** All property, real and personal, within the Province of Alberta belonging to or held in trust for or to the use of the Church, shall upon the coming into force of this Act be vested in the Church to be held, used and administered subject to the provisions of this Act. Property presently belonging to the Church

**9.** Subject always to the terms of any trust relating thereto, the Church may also sell, convey, exchange, lease or demise any real property held by the Church. Disposal of real estate

**10.—**(1) The Church may from time to time for the purposes of the Church— Borrowing powers

- (a) borrow money upon the credit of the Church ;
- (b) make, draw, accept, endorse or become party to promissory notes and bills of exchange (but it shall not be necessary to have the Seal of the Church affixed to any such note or bill) ;
- (c) mortgage, hypothecate or pledge any property of the Church, real or personal, to secure the repayment of any money borrowed for the purposes of the Church.

(2) The powers enumerated in subsection (1) of this section may be exercised by the Trustees without calling a general meeting of the Church, but subject to the restrictions and limitations, if any, imposed by the Church in general meeting or by the by-laws in force from time to time.

**11.** In so far as authorization by the Legislature of Alberta is necessary, any person in whose name any property, real or personal, is held, in trust or otherwise, for the uses and purposes of the Church, or any person to whom any such property devolves, may, subject always to the terms and conditions of any trust relating to such property, transfer such property or any part thereof to the Church. Power to transfer property held in trust

**12.** All instruments relating to real property shall be executed under the seal of the Church attested as provided by the rules and regulations of the Church. Execution of instruments affecting real estate

**13.** The Church shall at all times whenever required so to do by the Lieutenant Governor in Council make a report in writing of its affairs and property.

**14.** Provided that the powers herein granted shall be subject to the general laws of the Province now in force or hereinafter enacted.

**15.** This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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