

Letters Patent

(Includes Statement of Faith)

**APPLICATION FOR INCORPORATION OF A CORPORATION
WITHOUT SHARE CAPITAL UNDER PART II
OF THE CANADA CORPORATIONS ACT**

TO: THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY

I

The undersigned hereby apply to the Minister of Industry for the grant of a charter by letters patent under the provisions of Part II of the *Canada Corporations Act* constituting the undersigned, and such others as may become members of the Corporation thereby creating, a body corporate and politic under the name of

CENTRE STREET CHURCH

The undersigned have satisfied themselves and are assured that the proposed name under which incorporation is sought is not the same or similar to the name under which any other company, society, association or firm in existence is carrying on business in Canada or is incorporated under the laws of Canada or any province thereof or so nearly resembles the same as to be calculated to deceive, except that of CENTRE STREET CHURCH which, as the unincorporated church organization for which this Corporation is the successor, has signified its consent to the use of the said name, and that it is not a name which is otherwise on public grounds objectionable.

II

The said Marvin Jacob Fritzler, Loretta Jane Reich, Karin Anne Lavoie, Myles Vaughn Sutherland Hamilton, Jeffrey Dave Klaus, Elwyn Daryl Dahlke, Gerard Howard Kroon, Shirley Grace Yule, Mia Michelle Goss and Garth Dale Hartung will be the first directors of the Corporation.

III

The objects of the Corporation are:

1. To preach, teach, disseminate, advance, demonstrate and implement the Gospel of Jesus Christ and related truths of the Holy Bible within the local community, throughout Canada and to people everywhere and thus fulfill the command of our Lord and Saviour that His Gospel be

preached in all the world as a witness for all nations, in accordance with the Statement of Faith contained herein.

2. Provided that the objects shall include only those which are, at law, exclusively charitable and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and to accomplish the aforesaid objects:

- (a) to uphold and further the Statement of Faith contained herein;
- (b) to establish, maintain and operate places of worship of Almighty God;
- (c) to bring forth the knowledge of the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, head of the Church, to the local community, to the country of Canada, and to the world at large directed by our Lord and Saviour;
- (d) to help and strengthen Members and Adherents in abiding by the Christian faith and the discipleship of believers;
- (e) to establish, maintain and operate a ministry of Christian education in the knowledge of God and the guidance of all life as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments;
- (f) to support and encourage unity in the Christian fellowship of believers within the Corporation and everywhere;
- (g) to train, commission, send forth, support and maintain trainees for ministry and missions, and missionaries to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ both at home and in foreign lands and cultures;
- (h) to relieve poverty by providing food, shelter and other basic supplies to persons of low income and by providing other similar programs to relieve poverty in the local community, the country of Canada and the world at large in order to demonstrate and disseminate the central message of Christ's love and offer of salvation;
- (i) to establish, maintain and operate Christian education programs for nursery, kindergarten, elementary and high school people through facilities that provide general education in the context of the Christian faith;
- (j) to establish, maintain and operate a Christian, adult learning institution and/or theological seminary, or other similar institution of religious instruction to train men and women in the Christian faith as lay people, Christian workers, ministers, missionaries and evangelists;
- (k) to establish, maintain and operate a Christian camp and/or counselling, retreat or conference centres;
- (l) to establish, operate and maintain Christian facilities and housing for senior adults as ministers of the Christian Faith;

- (m) to commission and/or license ministers and pastors to full-time and part-time Christian service;
- (n) to establish, maintain and operate residences for religious leaders; and
- (o) to establish, maintain and operate burial grounds and cemeteries.

3. For the attainment of the above objects and as incidental and ancillary thereto, to exercise any of the powers as prescribed by the *Canada Corporations Act* or any other statutes or laws from time to time applicable, except where such power is contrary to the statutes or common law relating to charities and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

- (a) to invest and reinvest the funds of the Corporation in such manner as determined by the directors from time to time, including investments in mutual funds, and in making such investments, the board of directors shall be governed by the *Trustee Act* (Alberta), as amended from time to time, as well as the power to subdelegate investment decision making to qualified investment managers;
- (b) to accept and carry into effect any trust consistent with the objects of the Corporation;
- (c) to establish a common trust fund, in which donations received by the Corporation, whether or not designated, are combined for the purpose of facilitating investment and to operate such fund in accordance with terms of reference established by the Board from time to time;
- (d) in accordance with subsection 16(3) of the *Canada Corporations Act*, as amended from time to time, it is provided that in addition to the incidental and ancillary powers given to the Corporation in accordance with subsection 16(1) of the *Canada Corporations Act* as amended from time to time (save and except for the powers contained in paragraph 16(1)(r) of the *Canada Corporations Act*, which powers are, in accordance with subsection 16(4) of the *Canada Corporations Act*, expressly excluded from the Corporation) the Corporation shall, subject to these letters patent, have all the rights, powers and privileges of a natural person; and
- (e) to perform any manner of actions as are incidental or ancillary to the attaining of the above mentioned objects of the Corporation.

IV

The operations of the Corporation may be carried on throughout Canada and elsewhere.

V

The Statement of Faith that members and directors of the Corporation are required to subscribe to is as follows:

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Triune God

The one and only true God is Spirit (1): self-existent, infinite, personal, unchangeable, and eternal in His being; perfect in holiness, love, justice, goodness, wisdom, and truth; omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent; creator and sustainer of all things, visible and invisible; both immanent and transcendent to creation; eternally existent in three persons, one in substance (2) and co-equal in power and glory - Father, Son and Holy Spirit (3).

(1) John 4:24 2(2) Deut 6:4. I Cor. 8:4-6. (3) Gen. 1:26; Matt. 28:19; II Cor. 13:14.

The Father is begotten of none (1), He is the eternal (2) Father of the Lord Jesus Christ (3), the author salvation (4), the Father of all who are begotten into newness of life through faith in Christ,

(1) Gen. 1:1 (2) Ps. 90:2. (3) John 13:3; Eph. 1:3-4; (4) Eph. 1:2-3; I Pet. 1:2-4

The Lord Jesus Christ is God (1); is the only Son of the Father; is incarnate since He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, thus uniting the divine and human natures in their completeness into the one unique person Jesus Christ (2); is sinless in His life and miraculous works; made atonement, through His vicarious death, for the sins of the world; is bodily resurrected and ascended to the right hand of the Father (3); has sovereign power and lordship; acts, in His present mediatorial ministry, as the believer's advocate; awaits His imminent coming in power and glory (4).

(1) John 1:1,14. (2) Luke 1:35; John 1:14, 18. (3) Acts 1:11; Heb. 1:1-3 (4) Titus 2:13-14

The Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father (1) and being sent by the Son (2), is one substance, majesty, and glory with the Father and the Son, very and eternally God (3). His office and work is reprove or convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment (4); to regenerate those who repent of their sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (5); to sanctify, endue with power, teach, guide and comfort the believer (6).

The Holy Spirit works in the church to unite believers into the body of Christ; to possess it as the temple of God; to equip it with gifts and graces for service(7); to give it the body of inspired truth; and to preside over and guide the church into the will of God.

(1) John 14:26 (2) John 16:7 (3) II Cor. 13:14. (4) John 16:7-14. (5) Titus 3:5-6. (6) John 4:16-17. (7) Acts 1:8. (8) I Cor.6:11.(9) I Cor. 12:7-11.

THE BIBLE

The Bible, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is the Word of God (1) given by divine inspiration (2) and is inerrant in the original manuscripts. The Bible remains the unchanging authority (3) in matters of Christian faith and practice (4), it is true and reliable in all the matters it addresses (5). We believe in an orthodox interpretation of Scripture.

(1) 1 Thes. 2:13 (2) II Pet. 1:20-21. (3) Ps. 119:9. I Pet. 1:25. (4) II Tim. 3:16. Heb. 4:12. (5) Ps.119:105.

MANKIND

Our Creation

Mankind was created by an immediate act of God and not by a process of evolution. We were created in the image and likeness of God (1), possessing personality and holiness; enjoying sweet fellowship with God in our original state, we were created to glorify God (2) and enjoy Him forever. Having been created in the likeness of God we are self-conscious personalities capable of free and rational choice. Human life has inherent worth from conception.

(1) Gen. 1:26-27, 5:1-3, 9:6, James 3:9. (2) Eph. 1:4-6.

Our Fall

Through the transgression of Adam, mankind is fallen from original righteousness (1), suffers under sin's curse, and, apart from the grace of God is not only entirely destitute of holiness, but is inclined continually to evil (2), and, unless born again, "cannot see the kingdom of God" (3). We, in our own strength, without divine grace, cannot do good works pleasing and acceptable to God.

As persons we are free moral agents and are responsible for our eternal destiny. Under the influence and empowering of the Holy Spirit and due to the prevenient grace of God we are enabled to exercise our wills to accept God's will and gift (4).

(1) Gen. 6:5. (2) Rom. 3:10, 18,23; Eph. 2:1-3 (3) John 3:3-7. (4) Rom 2:4.

Our Redemption

God has provided redemption for all persons through the mediatorial work of Christ (1) who voluntarily offered Himself on Calvary as a perfect sacrifice for sin (2), the just suffering for the unjust, bearing sin's curse and tasting death for every person (3),

(1) Acts 4:12; I Tim. 2:5-6. (2) John 10:17-18. (3) Titus 2:11-14; Heb 2:9.

Salvation

We are all sinners, guilty before God, and dead in trespasses and sins. Therefore, we are unable to save ourselves (1), but God has, out of His infinite love, given His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ (2), to become our Saviour (3).

(1) John 14:6. (2) John 3:14-17. (3) Rom. 3:20-26; Eph. 2:4-5, 8-11

Repentance

Genuine repentance is a necessary attitude and act of man which holy and just God requires before He forgives our sins (1). As an attitude it involves knowledge of, a change of mind toward, and a godly sorrow for sin (2); a proper reverence for God's holiness; and a surrender to God. As an act it means confessing and forsaking sin (3), Repentance is our appropriate response to the grace of God in conviction (4), As a fruit of repentance, in so far as possible where sin has' been committed, restitution should be made.

(1) Ps. 51:3-4. (2) II Cor. 7:8-11. (3) Prov.28:13; Isa. 6:1-5. (4) John 16:8-11.

Faith

Faith, which must accompany repentance, is God's gift where, by an act of the will, we embrace the promises of God and appropriate personally the provisions of God's grace. The believer, by faith, rests in the completeness and adequacy of the atoning merit of Christ's sacrifice as the sole ground and hope of salvation (1). Scripture also teaches that good works characterize a regenerated life (2). They spring from a true and living faith and are pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ (3).

(1) Rom. 5:1-2; Eph. 2:8-9. (2) Eph. 2:10. (3) Heb. 11:6; James 2:17

Justification and Regeneration

God justifies (1) and regenerates sinners (2) when they personally believe and repent. Justification is a judicial act which absolves us of the guilt and punishment for sin and restores us to divine favour. Justification has to do with the changing of the sinner's standing before God (3). Regeneration has to do with the changing of the sinner's nature through the impartation of divine life. Regeneration is a spiritual quickening, a new birth (4) This experience is witnessed to the indwelling Holy Spirit who produces in the heart a desire to do the will of God.

(1) Rom. 8:33. (2) Eph. 2:1-2. (3) Rom. 5:9-12. (4) John 3:5-6 (5) Rom. 8:16.

Sanctification and Filling with the Holy Spirit

Sanctification is defined as the work of God in making believers holy and renewing them in the image of God (1). It is the will of God that each believer should be cleansed from sin and filled with the Holy Spirit (2) and sanctified. Sanctification involves separation from sin and full dedication (3) to will of God. God in turn bestows power for holy living and effective service (4). Sanctification is both a crisis, as the regenerated believer initially surrenders to the will of God and appropriates the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and a progressive pilgrimage of continual consecration (5) and growth in character and Christ-likeness.

The filling of a believer with the Holy Spirit is evidenced by love out of a pure heart (6) and by the fruit of the Spirit (7). It is this believer's privilege to live, by faith, a Spirit-filled, Spirit-gifted, and Spirit-led life of victory over sin.

(1) Acts 15:8-9; Rom. 6:19, 22. (2) Rom. 8:5-11. (3) Rom. 12:1-2. (4) Rom. 8:1-4, 9-11. (5) John 17:17-19; Heb 12:14. (6) Rom. 5:5. (7) II Cor. 7:1; Gal. 5:22-23

Security of the Believer

Through the declaration of Scripture and the testimony of the Holy Spirit the obedient believer can be certain of forgiveness, salvation, a continuing walk with Christ, and the promise of resurrection life (1). The Scriptures do, however, warn against failing to abide in Christ, being hardened by sin or by the world (2). To allow the Devil such a foothold is to open oneself to the temptation to consciously reject Christ, abandon one's faith, and ultimately be lost.

(1) John 15:1-6; I Cor. 10:12-13. (2) Rom. 10:9-10; I Cor. 10:1-13

Resurrection and Glorification

Christ was bodily resurrected and, because He lives, we too shall live (1). At the return of the Lord, the bodies of the righteous dead will be raised and, together with the living believers, shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air (2). We will all be changed so as to have literal, spiritual

and immortal bodies like unto Christ's own glorious body (3). Our glorification is God's final act in our salvation and will be realized when we see Him as He is.

(1) *I Cor. 15:19-23.* (2) *I Thes. 4:14-17.* (3) *I John 3:2-3.*

The Church

The church is an organism composed of all believers in the Lord' Jesus Christ (1) who have been called out from the world, separated from sin (2), and vitally united by faith to Christ (3), its living Head and sovereign Lord.

(1) *Acts 15:12-18; I Cor. 12:12-27.* (2) *Eph. 5:25-26.* (3) *Eph. 2:11-12*

The local church is an organized body of believers in Christ who are voluntarily joined together for public worship and evangelism (1), teaching the Word, fellowship with the saints (2), observance of the ordinances, exercise in prayer, and who are commissioned with the responsibility to administer discipline (3).

(1) *I Cor. 16:1-2.* (2) *Acts 20:7.* (3) *Matt. 18:15-17.*

God equips individuals in the body for service in the worldwide multi-faceted ministry of his church (1). He gives to each woman and man at least one spiritual gift (2), by the Holy Spirit, to be used, under the direction of the Head, Jesus Christ, as an integrated part of the total ministry of his church. Each member has a role, whether as a lay person or as vocational leader, all of whom God chooses and equips.

(1) *I Cor. 12:12-26.* (2) *Rom. 12:3-8; I Cor. 12:7ff.*

The characteristic marks of the members of the true church are faith in Jesus as the Son of God; love for God and for those of like faith, obedience to God's commandments (1), and victory over the world (2).

(1) *I John 3:21-24.* (2) *I John 5:1-5.*

The primary duties of the church consist of glorifying God and exalting the Lord Jesus Christ (1), of building itself up in the most holy faith, and of preaching and practising the Gospel in all the world: as a witness to all people (2).

(1) *Eph. 1:5-6, 3:20-21.* (2) *Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8.*

THE LAST THINGS

The Return of Christ

The second advent of Christ (1) is the hope of the church (2) and will be personal, bodily, visible, sudden, premillennial, and redemptive (3). It is a source of encouragement and consolation, a motive for purification and holiness, and an inspiration for activity and service (4).

(1) *Matt. 24:3-25.* (2) *Rev. 19:7-8* (3) *I Thes. 4:16-18; Rev. 20:4-6.* (4) *I Tim. 6:12-14; I John 3:3; Rev. 5:9-10.*

The Millennium

The millennium or thousand year reign of Christ upon the earth will be ushered in by His return with the saints. During this period Satan will be bound, the curse will be lifted, evils such as war, poverty, and injustice shall vanish from the earth, and Christ will reign in righteousness (1).

(1) *Ps. 46:8-9; Isa. 2:1-4, 11:6-9; Rev. 20:1-6.*

The Judgment and Future State

There is a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous (1). All persons stand under the righteous judgment of God (2), both now and in that day. Scripture further teaches an eternal state of rewards in which the righteous dwell in endless life in heaven (3) and the wicked in endless punishment in the eternal lake of fire (4).

(1) *John 5:28-29. (2) Acts 17:31. (3) John 14:1-6; Rev. 21:1-9. (4) Matt. 25:31-46; Rev. 20:11-15*

VI

The place within Canada where the head office of the Corporation is to be situated in the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta.

VII

It is specifically provided that in the event of dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, and after payments of all of its debts and liabilities, the Corporation's remaining property (the "Charitable Property") shall be transferred to the Evangelical Missionary Church, Canada West District ("District") or its successors or assigns, and if the District is no longer in existence or does not have status as a registered charity under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) at the time of the Corporation's dissolution or winding up, the Charitable Property shall be transferred to the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada (the "Denomination"), and if the Denomination is no longer in existence or does not have status as a registered charity under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) at the time of the Corporation's dissolution or winding up, the Charitable Property shall be distributed or disposed of to one or more charities in Canada that are registered as such under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), as amended from time to time, or equivalent designation under such legislation, and have similar charitable purposes and similar Statement of Faith to those of the Corporation at the time of dissolution or winding-up, as the members of this Corporation may authorize by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at a special meeting duly called for that purpose, provided that any special or restricted purposes trust funds held by the Corporation shall be transferred to a new trustee appointed by the directors of the Corporation to be applied in accordance with the applicable terms of trust.

VIII

In accordance with Section 65 of the *Canada Corporations Act*, it is provided that, when authorized by by-law, duly passed by the directors and sanctioned by at least two-thirds of the votes cast at a special general meeting of the members duly called for considering the by-law, the directors of the Corporation may from time to time:

- (a) borrow money upon the credit of the Corporation;
- (b) limit or increase the amount to be borrowed;
- (c) issue or cause to be issued bonds, debentures or other securities of the Corporation and pledge or sell the same for such sums, upon such terms, covenants and conditions and at such prices as may be deemed expedient;
- (d) pledge or sell such debentures or other securities for such sums and at such prices as may be deemed expedient; and
- (e) secure any bond, debentures or other securities, or any other present or future borrowing or liability of the Corporation, by mortgage, hypothec, charge or pledge of all or any currently owned or subsequently acquired real and personal, movable and immovable, property of the Corporation, and the undertaking and rights of the Corporation.

Any such by-law may provide for the delegation of such powers by the directors to such officers or directors of the Corporation to such extent and in such manner as may be set out in the by-law.

Nothing herein limits or restricts the borrowing of money by the Corporation on bills of exchange or promissory notes made, drawn, accepted or endorsed by or on behalf of the Corporation.

IX

The by-laws of the Corporation shall be those filed with the application for letters patent until repealed, amended, altered or added to.

X

The Corporation is to carry on its operations without pecuniary gain to its members and any profits or other accretions to the Corporation are to be used in promoting its objects.