

# ***Constitution of the Saskatchewan Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches***

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# ARTICLE 1 – NAME AND PURPOSE

## 1.1 Official Name

The name of this corporation shall be "Saskatchewan Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches" (herein referred to as the "Saskatchewan Conference").

## 1.2 Details of Incorporation

The Corporation was created by and is governed by An Act to incorporate Saskatchewan Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches *being a Private Act* Chapter 122 of the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953* (effective April 1, 1953) as amended by the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1954, c.96; 1978, c.68 ; 1990-91, c.01 and 1993, c.02.*

## 1.3 Non-Profit Status

This corporation shall operate as a charity without purpose or gain for its members or attendees, and any profits or other accretions to the organization shall be used solely to promote its mission, mandate, and objectives.

## 1.4 Purposes

(Being identical to Article 2 (a) to (q) of the Act of Incorporation cited in Section 1.2 above.)

**1.4.1** *Acquisition of Property* - to acquire by gift or purchase, have, hold, possess and enjoy lands, tenements, hereditaments, rents, annuities and other property, movable or immovable, real and personal of every kind whatsoever;

**1.4.2** *Disposition of Property* - to sell, transfer, alienate, exchange, hypothecate, mortgage, let, lease or otherwise deal with or dispose of any part of its real or personal property or any estate or interest therein or part thereof and with the proceeds thereof to acquire other real and personal property to such extent as may be deemed advisable or desirable or to use such proceeds in the carrying on of its ordinary activities;

**1.4.3** *Investments* - to invest all or any sums of money belonging to the corporation in any property or security whatsoever for the use and purposes of the corporation;

**1.4.4** *Borrowing* - to borrow from any person, firm or corporation such sum or sums of money as may be found necessary for the purposes of the corporation and to secure any loan to the lender by bonds, debentures, bills of exchange, promissory notes, mortgages or any other instrument that may be deemed advisable;

**1.4.5** *Buildings, etc.* - to acquire by gift, purchase or otherwise or to build, erect or enlarge and to manage and conduct all such houses, halls, hospitals, residences, boarding schools, farms and other places or things as may be found or deemed necessary or convenient for the carrying on of the objects of the corporation and to do all such things as may be deemed necessary to attain all such objects;

**1.4.6** *Corporate seal* - to adopt a corporate seal and change it at will;

**1.4.7** *Promissory notes, bills of exchange, etc.* - to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments;

**1.4.8** *Fees* - to fix, charge and collect fees for any services rendered by the corporation and for the board and lodging of the residents of any buildings owned or used by the corporation;

**1.4.9** *Collections* - to exercise all rights and remedies for the collection of money owing to it in the same manner and to the same extent as any individual may do;

- 1.4.10** *Bylaws* - to make or pass, from time to time, such bylaws or regulations, not contrary to law, as may be necessary for the welfare, constitution and government of the corporation, and for the guidance of its officers in the conduct of the business and the management of the property of the corporation and to alter, amend and repeal such bylaws and regulations from time to time;
- 1.4.11** *Philanthropic work* - to carry on charitable and philanthropic work; to solicit, collect and accept funds or other subscriptions for the carrying on of the work of the corporation and for any other religious, charitable or benevolent purpose;
- 1.4.12** *Lectures and courses of study* - to formulate courses of study and rules of discipline for students and to provide for the delivery of lectures and holding of classes and conferences calculated directly or indirectly to advance or promote the objects of the corporation;
- 1.4.13** *Certificates and diplomas* - to award certificates, degrees and diplomas of merit and efficiency and to appoint such professors, lecturers and instructors and other officers and servants as may be necessary for the carrying into effect of the objects and purposes of the corporation and to cancel or rescind such appointments at pleasure;
- 1.4.14** *Affiliation* - to make and enter into treaties, contracts and arrangements for affiliating with the corporation and its educational work any other schools or colleges;
- 1.4.15** *Printing and publishing establishments* - to publish and print or cause to be published and printed books, pamphlets and literature of a religious and secular nature pertaining to the work of the corporation and for such purpose to erect plants, purchase machinery and generally to enter into all and any contracts required for the accomplishment of such purposes;
- 1.4.16** *Religious and missionary work* - to conduct a place or places of worship; to carry on home and foreign missionary work for the spread of the Gospel;
- 1.4.17** *General* - to do any and all other things that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects for which the corporation is established, namely to propagate the Gospel, to establish, manage and operate schools, colleges, homes for the aged, hospitals, institutions, homes, farms, residences, boarding schools, places or things as may be deemed advisable in order to further the benevolent and charitable work of the corporation.

## **ARTICLE 2 – AFFILIATION**

The Saskatchewan Conference is a part of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Church of North America and is thereby affiliated with the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Church of North America.

## **ARTICLE 3 – FAITH AND CONDUCT**

- 3.1** The Scriptures are accepted as the final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- 3.2** The Confession of Faith of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Church of North America shall be the Confession of Faith of the Saskatchewan Conference.

## **ARTICLE 4 – MEMBERSHIP**

The members of the Saskatchewan Conference are those churches who have been accepted by the Saskatchewan Conference according to established guidelines in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE 5 – ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS**

**5.1** The organizational structure of the Saskatchewan Conference shall consist of an Executive Board comprised of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Secretary, and up to four additional members.

**5.2** Members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the Saskatchewan Conference membership.

**5.3** For purposes of adhering to the Provincial Act of Incorporation as referred to in Article 1.2 Details of Incorporation (above), the Executive Board shall appoint three (3) of its members to serve as Trustees of the organization.

## **ARTICLE 6 – AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

**6.1** Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall first be submitted to the Executive Board, who shall in turn give thirty (30) days of notice to the membership before the Saskatchewan Conference convention.

**6.2** A two-thirds majority vote of members present at the Saskatchewan Conference convention is required for approval.

## **ARTICLE 7 – DISSOLUTION**

If upon dissolution or winding up of the Saskatchewan Conference there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, that property shall be transferred to the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Church of North America.

Effective Date: March 15, 2014

Todd Hardy  
Moderator

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