

The Church of Christ Missionary Society Act

being a Private Act

Chapter 97 of the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1918-19*
(effective December 20, 1918).

NOTE:

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requested

1918-19

CHAPTER 97

**An Act to incorporate The Missionary Society of the Church of Christ
in Saskatchewan**

(Assented to December 20, 1918)

Preamble

WHEREAS Richard J. Westaway, Wm. G. Kitchen and Thomas Murray, on behalf of the missionary organisation of the religious people known individually as Disciples of Christ and congregationally as Churches of Christ, presently known as the Saskatchewan Christian Missionary Society, have by petition represented that the said organisation has existed in the Province of Saskatchewan for a considerable number of years under the name of "The Saskatchewan Christian Missionary Society" and has for its objects the establishment and carrying on of missions, the erection and conduct of schools, colleges, halls, churches and other houses of public worship, and the maintenance of public cemeteries attached to the houses of public worship under their charge subject to any laws of the Province of Saskatchewan relating to the same and the advancement of charity and benevolence, and has now in operation in the said province several missions conducted by the said organisation; and

Whereas, the said petitioners have further represented that the said society has in convention assembled instructed the said petitioners to have the said society incorporated; and

Whereas, the said petition prays that the said society may be vested with corporate powers and 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 Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as "*The Church of Christ Missionary Society Act.*"

1918-19, c.97, s.1.

Incorporation

2 There is hereby constituted and established within the Province of Saskatchewan a body politic and corporate under the name of "The Missionary Society of the Church of Christ in Saskatchewan," which body shall consist of all persons now members of the said society in the said province, or who shall hereafter become members thereof.

1918-19, c.97, s.2.

Powers of society

3 In addition to the powers, rights and privileges conferred upon or vested in corporations by the laws of Saskatchewan or otherwise, the said corporation shall have full power and authority:

General powers

(a) to establish and carry on missions, build, erect and conduct schools, seminaries, orphanages, colleges, halls, churches and other houses of public worship and all such other buildings as may be found or deemed necessary or convenient for carrying on the missionary, religious, educational and benevolent work of the corporation;

Cemeteries

(b) to acquire, establish and maintain public cemeteries in connection with its houses of public worship, subject, however, to any laws of the Province of Saskatchewan and to municipal bylaws relating to the same;

May hold land, etc.

(c) to acquire by gift, devise, purchase, exchange, lease or otherwise, real and personal property of any and every nature and kind whatsoever and to possess, hold and enjoy the same as owner:

Provided, however, that the said corporation shall not acquire or hold as purchasers any land except for the actual use and occupation of the corporation or a branch thereof, or for the purposes of the corporation, and that any land, tenements or hereditaments acquired by gift, devise or bequest and not required for the actual use and occupation of the corporation or a branch thereof or for the purposes of the corporation the annual value of which together with the other lands of the corporation exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall not be held by the corporation for a longer period than seven years and within such period the same shall be absolutely disposed of by the corporation, and in case of failure to dispose of the same within such seven years, or within any further period to which the term shall be extended by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, such land shall be forfeited to the Crown in the right of the province;

May dispose of land, etc.

(d) to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange, alienate or otherwise deal with or dispose of its real and personal property or any portion of either and with all or any of the proceeds thereof to acquire other real and personal property to such extent as may be deemed advisable or desirable, and to make and execute all necessary or proper conveyances, transfers, or other instruments for carrying the same into effect;

May invest in property or security

(e) 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;

May acquire pledged property

(f) to acquire, take possession of and hold as the corporation may deem proper all such property (real, personal or mixed) as may at any time be mortgaged, hypothecated or pledged to the corporation by way of security or conveyed to it in satisfaction of obligations or debts due or owing to it from any person, firm or corporation:

Provided that any real estate acquired in satisfaction of any debts due to itself and not required for the actual use and occupation of the corporation or branch thereof or for the purposes of the corporation the annual value of which together with the other lands of the corporation exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall be sold by the corporation within seven years after such acquisition or within any further period to which the term shall be extended by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, otherwise such real estate shall be forfeited to the Crown in the right of the province;

May borrow, etc.

(g) to draw, accept and make, and to indorse and negotiate bills of exchange and promissory notes and other negotiable instruments, to borrow or raise money by the issue of bonds, mortgages, pledges or any other securities founded or based upon all or any of the property and rights of the corporation, or without any such security, and upon such terms as give priority or otherwise as the corporation shall think fit;

May receive property in trust

(h) to receive from any church or congregation in trust for such church or congregation, any property (either real or personal) which shall be held by the said corporation subject to such trusts as may be mutually agreed upon by instrument in writing between the said corporation and such church or congregation:

Provided, however, that the said congregation shall not accept or receive any property in trust for any church or corporation unless the transfer or conveyance of such property to the corporation be first sanctioned and approved by the members of the said church or congregation at a meeting duly called and assembled for that purpose in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the said church or congregation;

Advance work, etc.

(i) generally to further the missionary, educational, benevolent and religious work of the said corporation and to promote and advance charity and benevolence.

1918-19, c.97, s.3.

Lands, etc. vested in corporation

4 All property (both real and personal) belonging to the above named society at the time of the passing of this Act shall be vested in the corporation.

1918-19, c.97, s.4.

Execution of documents

5 Unless and until the bylaws of the corporation otherwise provide, all transfers, deeds, leases and other documents of, to or relating to lands held or acquired by the corporation shall be executed with the seal of the corporation attested by the signature of the president, vice president and secretary or any two of them.

1918-19, c.97, s.5.

Powers to appoint attorneys

6 The corporation may appoint one or more attorneys for the transaction of all or any of its business.

1918-19, c.97, s.6.

Bylaws

7 The corporation may make bylaws, rules, orders and regulations for the government and proper administration of its property, affairs and interests including the enforcement of discipline and admission, removal and retirement of members, the appointment, deposition or removal of any persons holding office and generally for the internal government of its affairs and from time to time repeal and amend the same.

1918-19, c.97, s.7.

Rendering of accounts when requested

8 The corporation shall at all times when called upon so to do by the Lieutenant Governor in Council render an account in writing of its property and affairs.

1918-19, c.97, s.8.