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AN ACT RESPECTING THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH—QUÉBEC CONFERENCE

WHEREAS the Seventh-Day Adventist Church—Québec Conference is a legal person constituted by the Act to incorporate The Quebec Association of Seventh-Day Adventists (1933, chapter 151), amended by chapter 159 of the statutes of 1935 and chapter 125 of the statutes of 1964 ;

Whereas it is expedient to replace the provisions governing the Church to adapt them to current reality ;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS :

1. The Seventh-Day Adventist Church—Québec Conference is hereby continued as a legal person governed by this Act. It may be designated under the name of l'Église Adventiste du Septième Jour—Fédération du Québec.

The Seventh-Day Adventist Church—Québec Conference is a legal person not constituted for the pursuit of pecuniary gain.

2. The objects of the legal person are

(a) to promulgate the teachings and beliefs of the Church by preaching and teaching and to establish, erect and maintain churches and congregations ;

(b) to promote, maintain, superintend and carry on religious and charitable work by every appropriate means and to unify and extend the mission of the Church ;

(c) to organize and maintain Christian missions, schools and infirmaries, camps, and institutions for senior citizens ;

(d) to establish, support and maintain offices and libraries as well as agencies for printing, publishing, disseminating, selling and distributing literature, newspapers, periodicals and works of religion ;

(e) to promote the spiritual welfare of its congregations and missions ;

(f) to promote the erection and purchase of houses of worship and parsonages ; and

(g) to administer the property, business and temporal affairs of the legal person.

3. The legal person shall hold a general meeting of its members at least every four years.

4. The legal person may make all the by-laws required for its organization and functioning.

5. The provisions of Part III of the Companies Act (R.S.Q., chapter C-38) that are not inconsistent with this Act apply to the legal person.

6. Every proceeding instituted by or against the legal person may be continued under a name referred to in section 1.

7. In the event of dissolution of the legal person, all property or assets remaining after the payment of all debts and liabilities and the discharge of all obligations shall be transferred to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada or its legal successor, insofar as the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada or its legal successor is a charity as defined in the Taxation Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-3). In the event that the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada or its legal successor no longer exists, does not wish to accept the property or assets or is no longer a charity as defined in the Taxation Act, the property or assets shall be transferred to any other charity in Canada as defined in the Taxation Act whose objects are the most similar to those of the legal person according to an evaluation of those objects that shall be made by the directors.

8. The Act to incorporate The Quebec Association of Seventh-Day Adventists (1933, chapter 151), amended by the Act to amend the act incorporating The Quebec Association of Seventh-Day Adventists (1935, chapter 159) and the Act respecting The Quebec Association of Seventh-Day Adventists (1964, chapter 125), is replaced by this Act.

9. This Act comes into force on 14 June 2002.