

Letters Patent - July 8, 1932
(As amended on February 18, 2005)

Henry Heinrich Janzen, Clergyman, Henry Johann Penner, Steel Cutter, and Gerhard Jacob Enns, Rubber Worker, all of the City of Kitchener, in the County of Waterloo and Province of Ontario; Abram Abram Teichrob, of the Village of New Hamburg, in the said County of Waterloo, Brass Worker; Henry Heinrich Wiens, of the Town of Hespeler, in the County of Waterloo, Wool Worker; and any others who have become subscribers to the memorandum of agreement of the Corporation, and persons who hereafter become members thereof, a corporation without share capital under the name of The Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches for the following purposes and objects, that is to say: _

- (a) To establish and maintain places of worship;
- (b) To build colleges, seminaries and other Institutions of learning for the training of Mennonite Clergy;
- (c) To set apart individuals for Christian ministry to serve the churches of the conference and to serve in similar leadership and spiritual functions.
- (d) For the purposes of the Corporation, to hold and acquire real and personal estate by gift, bequest, devise, purchase or otherwise end to hold and administer such property upon trust but solely for the charitable purposes aforesaid and not for the purpose or acting as trustee or carrying on the business of a trust company for profit;
- (e) To borrow money on notes, mortgages or securities as the Corporation or officers may by resolution direct; and
- (f) To invest funds of the Corporation in any securities in which trustees are authorized under the laws of the Province of Ontario to invest trust funds and all uninvested funds shall, from time to time be deposited in a chartered bank to the credit or the Corporation and drawn from the bank by cheque signed by such officers of the board as the bylaws shall name;

Until changed in accordance with the Act, the Head Office of the Conference shall be situate at an address in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, in the Province of Ontario, and at such place as the board (the leadership council) may from time to time determine.

The first directors of the Corporation to be Henry Heinrich Janzen, Henry Johann Penner, Abram Abram Teichrob, Henry Heinrich Wiens and Gerhard Jacob Enns herein before mentioned; _

AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND DECLARED THAT

- (1) The subscribers to the Memorandum of Agreement of the Corporation shall be the first members and the Corporation shall consist of the subscribers and of those who shall hereafter be duly elected as members of the Corporation in accordance with the bylaws and regulations from time to time in force;

- (2) The interest of a member in the Corporation shall not be transferable, and shall lapse and cease to exist upon the death of such member, or when such member shall cease to be a member by resignation or otherwise in accordance with the bylaws and regulations from time to time in force!
- (3) The directors of the Corporation shall constitute the Committee of Management of the Corporation; and
- (4) The bylaws and regulations for
 - (a) the election of members, trustees, directors and officers,
 - (b) the holding of meetings or members, trustees and directors,
 - (c) the establishment of branches,
 - (d) the payment of directors, trustees, officers and employees, and
 - (e) the control and management of the affairs of the Corporation, shall be made and established, subject to amendment or repeal as therein or hereafter by bylaw or regulation provided, at a general meeting to be held not more than six months after incorporation at such time and place as the directors may determine, and such bylaws, regulations and amendments shall replace, exclude or modify those set out in Form 4 in the Schedule to The Companies Act, save that in any matters covered by such Form 4 and not provided for in the Corporation's bylaws, regulations or amendments, the provision of said Form 4 shall apply and be in force, but all such matters which, after the passing of the Corporation's first bylaws and regulations, may be left to be governed by such Form 4 may be varied, amended, excluded or modified by any bylaws or regulations;

And it is hereby further ordained and declared that the said Corporation shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members, and that any profits or other accretions to the Corporation shall be used in promoting its objects

Given under my hand and Seal of the office at the City of Toronto in the said Province of Ontario this eighth day of July in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

Provincial Secretary, George Holmes Challies