



## CHAPTER 157

### An Act to incorporate St. Ansgar's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church

[Assented to, the 20th of March, 1930]

**W**HEREAS Reverend John Martin Jensen, Jorgen Preamble. Christian Berthelson, Knud Broder Knudsen, Bernhard Wulson Hansen, Eric Madsen, Poul Ishey and Karl Ejnar Wurm, all of the city and district of Montreal, have, by their petition, prayed that they and others who may become associated with them be granted incorporation and that such Church may have the right to perform acts of civil status and to keep registers of civil status in this Province, and that the pastors, ministers and missionaries shall have the right to keep such registers of civil status and perform acts of civil status;

Whereas at a special meeting of the congregation of St. Ansgar's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, duly called and held at 3594 Jeanne Mance Street, Montreal, on the 3rd day of November, 1929, it was unanimously decided and resolved to apply for an act of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, incorporating the present members in good standing of the said congregation and all others who may hereafter become members a body politic and corporate, and whereas it is expedient to pass an act for the above purpose;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

**1.** The several persons hereinabove named, together with the present members in good standing of St. Ansgar's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church and other persons who may hereafter become members in good standing of

Name. the said Church, are constituted a body corporate and politic under the name St. Ansgar's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and shall have perpetual succession and the right to sue and be sued, together with all powers and privileges which are hereby vested in the said corporation.

Power to acquire, etc. property. **2.** The corporation may acquire, hold or possess, by legacy or other title, such property, moveable and immoveable, as may be necessary for the use of the congregation, and may dispose of and hypothecate the same, provided that the annual value of the immoveables owned by the congregation shall not exceed the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars.

Powers of corporation. **3.** The corporation shall have power to contract and be contracted with relative to its funds and property and the business and for the purposes for which it shall be incorporated and constituted, including the right to borrow money for the purposes of the corporation, and to make and sign all bills of exchange, promissory notes and other instruments of a negotiable nature as may be necessary for the purposes of the corporation, and to found, maintain, conduct and contribute to schools, colleges or other institutions for the advancement of learning and religious, benevolent and charitable institutions, projects and funds.

Constitution, etc. **4.** The constitution, regulations and by-laws, not contrary to law, by which the said church is now governed shall be the constitution, regulations and by-laws of the said corporation, but they or any of them may be repealed or amended and others substituted therefor in the manner and subject to the conditions and provisions therein contained and subject to this act and in accordance with the laws of the Province of Quebec.

Assuming and payment of debts, etc. **5.** All debts and liabilities at any time before the coming into force of the act legally contracted by St. Ansgar's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church or the trustees in their quality are and shall be assumed and be payable by the corporation.

Powers., etc., of majority at meeting. **6.** A majority of the members of the congregation present at any duly called meeting of the corporation shall have the full power and privileges of the corporation, providing the purposes of the meeting shall have been specified in the notice calling the meeting, and notices of

general meetings of the corporation shall be deemed to be duly given if announced from the pulpit at two church services on the Sabbath immediately preceding.

**7.** The said corporation may keep either in French or English according to law registers of civil status and may from time to time, according to its law, usage and custom, appoint an officiating minister and may remove him or appoint another in his place, and the said officiating minister of the congregation shall have authority and power to keep registers of acts of civil status and to exercise in relation thereto all other civil powers appertaining to ministers of religious congregations, and, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, in the event of such minister not being a British subject, it shall be lawful for the president, and for any member of the said Church as his deputy when duly appointed as such by resolution of the said Church, to keep registers of acts of civil status for the said Church, provided that he and his deputy be British subjects, and the prothonotary of the Superior Court or any public officer authorized to certify registers of acts of civil status shall certify registers for use by the said Church when furnished with a certificate, signed by the secretary of the said Church, of the election of its president and the appointment of his deputy for the aforesaid purpose.

**8.** When any such register is kept by the president of the said Church or his deputy, as aforesaid, all acts of civil status recorded therein shall be signed by the said minister of the said Church and by the said president or his deputy, and any marriage or baptism solemnized and any interment made by the said minister, and so recorded, shall have the same effect at law as if the register had been kept by a minister legally authorized.

**9.** Nothing in this act shall have the effect of withdrawing the corporation from being governed by the provisions of the charter, by-laws and regulations of any municipality where the said corporation may exercise its powers, nor by the provisions of the Quebec Public Health Act.

**10.** The corporation shall not, however, establish a cemetery or burial ground within the limits of a municipality without having previously obtained the consent of the said municipality, expressed by by-law.

Annual  
statement to  
Lt.-Gov. in  
Council.

**11.** The corporation shall transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, annually in the month of January, or whenever thereunto required, a statement of the property held by the corporation, the names of its officers and a copy of its rules and by-laws.

Coming into  
force.

**12.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.