

thereon may be secured by mortgage in favour of a trustee or trustees for the holders of such debentures upon any real estate under the control of The Free Methodist Church or of such board or committee thereof or of the trustees of such congregation. 5

Corporate seal.

(2) The said Church may provide a duplicate of its seal (if any) for each of the annual conferences referred to in the First Schedule to this Act, and the custody thereof shall be as may be directed by the said Church, and such duplicate seal may be affixed by such officers as the General Conference 10 may by by-law or resolution direct; and until direction by the said General Conference the same may be affixed to any conveyance of property within the bounds of any of the said annual conferences, by the president or secretary of such annual conference, and may, for the purpose of conveying 15 any property in charge of any board or committee of the said Church, be affixed by the chairman of the said board or committee, or such other officer as the board or committee directs.

Liability for debts.

12. (1) The Free Methodist Church shall assume all 20 the liabilities and be responsible for the satisfaction of all the debts and other obligations to which either of the Churches mentioned in the preamble to this Act were subject at the time of the coming into force of this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection 25 (1), The Free Methodist Church in receiving, taking or holding any property heretofore held by either of the Churches mentioned in the preamble to this Act shall not in any way become responsible or liable for the debts or obligations which have been specially contracted in respect 30 thereof, but the property specially charged with the said debts or obligations, and persons who have become liable in respect of the said debts or obligations shall remain liable in the same manner and to the same degree as if this Act had not been passed, save in so far as The Free Methodist Church 35 may undertake the payment of any such debts or obligations.

Exception.

Arbitration of equitable claims.

13. (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, any non-concurring congregation or any two or more of such congregation shall be entitled to whatever the arbitration 40 committee hereinafter described shall determine to be a fair and equitable share of the property, real and personal, rights, powers, authorities and privileges of or in connection with the Holiness Movement Church in Canada.