



PLACE: Atlin B.C.
JURISDICTION: British Columbia and Canada
DATE: December 1st, 2021,
CHURCH DIRECTIVE #: 12012021
RE: Religious exemption on the vaccine for its members

WHEREAS: for millennia, the Church has been bound to the supremacy of the Word of God (“Bible”) and its intrinsic teaching, and derives its dogmatic teaching from the Word of God,

WHEREAS: Christians have lived by following the authority of the Word since time immemorial and assert a federally and provincially recognized Freedom of Religion and have unextinguished religious freedom rights under the section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights,

WHEREAS: An individual need only demonstrate a sincere belief that the practice is of religious significance to him or her (Little v. R., 2009 NBCA 53, leave to appeal dismissed, [2009] S.C.C.A. No. 417 at paragraph 7),

WHEREAS: Directly compelling religious belief or practice clearly infringes section 2(a) as compelling religious practice deprives the individual of the fundamental right to choose his or her mode of religious experience, or lack thereof (*Hutterian Brethren, supra* at paragraph 92),

WHEREAS: Accommodation or differential treatment may be necessary, nonetheless, to avoid indirect coercion arising from state or corporation action (*Edwards Books, supra*),

WHEREAS: the Supreme Court of Canada has found that “measures that undermine the character of lawful religious institutions and disrupt the vitality of religious communities represent a profound interference with religious freedom” (*Loyola High School, supra* at paragraph 67; see also *Law Society of British Columbia v. Trinity Western University, supra* at paragraphs 64 and 99),

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Underground Church of Canada council approves the resolution to support any member requesting a religious exemption letter from the authorities, as the vaccine interferes with our beliefs laid down in Church Directive 11112021.

Founder
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