

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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GODSHALL, ROBBINS AND A. C. FOSTER, JR., OCTOBER 11, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE,  
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations)  
2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for name  
3 changes for religious corporations.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 15 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 7907. Change of name of religious corporation.

9 (a) General rule.--Any corporation formed for religious  
10 purposes, which desires to change its corporate name because of  
11 or as a result of a union, merger or consolidation of the  
12 national or international church body with which the religious  
13 corporation is an affiliate, subsidiary or component part, is  
14 authorized to file a certificate of change of name with the  
15 department. The certificate shall set forth the name and  
16 registered office of the corporation and the name the  
17 corporation intends to assume.

18 (b) Departmental approval.--If the department finds that the

1 proposed name is available for corporate use, it shall register  
2 the name and shall issue to the corporation or its  
3 representative a certificate that the proposed change of name  
4 has been registered.

5 (c) Effect of change.--Upon registration of the certificate  
6 of change of name by the department, the religious corporation  
7 shall thereafter be known as and bear the name set forth in its  
8 certificate of change of name. The change of name shall not in  
9 any respect change the identity of or affect, abate, defeat,  
10 alter or amend any of the powers, rights, privileges, property,  
11 duties, liabilities or obligations of the religious corporation,  
12 all of which shall remain in effect as though its name had not  
13 been changed.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.