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Legal Service Division Report on The Ling Liang World-Wide Evangelistic Mission Incorporation (Amendment) Bill 2003

(Private Member's Bill)

#### I. SUMMARY

1. Object of the Bill

To incorporate The Council of Ling Liang World-Wide Evangelistic Mission Hong Kong Ling Liang Church (the Council) as a body corporate to manage and operate the Hong Kong Ling Liang Church (the Church).

2. Comments

- (a) This is a Member's Bill introduced by Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP.
- (b) The Bill seeks to incorporate the Council, which will replace the President in Hong Kong of the Ling Liang World-Wide Evangelistic Mission as a corporation sole, in managing the Church.
- (c) It does not raise any matter of public policy.
- 3. Public Consultation

There has not been any public consultation on the Bill.

4. Consultation with LegCo Panels

No LegCo Panel has been consulted.

5. Conclusion

Subject to Members' views, the Bill is ready for resumption of Second Reading debate.

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### II. REPORT

#### Object of the Bill

To amend the Ling Liang World-Wide Evangelistic Mission Incorporation Ordinance (Cap. 1079) (the Ordinance) so that the President in Hong Kong of the Ling Liang World-Wide Evangelistic Mission as a corporation sole (Corporation Sole) will be replaced by The Council of the Ling Liang World-Wide Evangelistic Mission Hong Kong Ling Liang Church (the Council) to be incorporated, in the management and operation of the Hong Kong Ling Liang Church (the Church).

## LegCo Brief Reference

2. No LegCo Brief on the Bill has been provided.

#### **Date of First Reading**

3. 10 December 2003.

#### **Comments**

- 4. This is a Member's Bill introduced by Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP.
- 5. Under the Ordinance, the President for the time being in Hong Kong of the Ling Liang World-Wide Evangelistic Mission shall be a corporation sole and shall have the name of "The President in Hong Kong of Ling Liang World-Wide Evangelistic Mission Incorporated". On appointment of a new President, that President has to furnish to the Chief Executive satisfactory evidence of his appointment.
- 6. The main purpose of the Bill is to incorporate the Council, which will replace the Corporation Sole, in managing and operating the Church. The Council shall consist of members as shall be provided by its Constitution. Documents such as the Constitution of the Council, a list of the names and addresses of the Council Members, will be registered with the Registrar of Companies for the purpose of enabling any member of the public to ascertain the contents of the Constitution and the identities of the Council Members.
- 7. The Bill further provides that if it is passed by the Legislative Council, it shall come into operation on 1 April 2004. As from that commencement date, all rights, obligations, assets and liabilities of the Corporation Sole will be vested in the Council. All employees employed by the Corporation Sole will be employed by the Council on the same terms and conditions. The Corporation Sole will also cease to exist.

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#### **Public Consultation**

8. There has not been any public consultation on the Bill.

# **Consultation with LegCo Panels**

9. No LegCo Panel has been consulted.

#### Conclusion

10. This is a private bill which does not raise any matter of public policy. The legal and drafting aspects of the Bill are in order. Subject to Members' views, the Bill is ready for resumption of Second Reading debate.

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