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**GENERAL NOTICE**

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**NOTICE 777 OF 2008****PARLIAMENT OF REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA****PUBLICATION OF DRAFT METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA  
(PRIVATE) ACT REPEAL BILL, 2008**

A draft Methodist Church of Southern Africa (Private) Act Repeal Bill, 2008, as presented to the Speaker of the National Assembly by Mr Pierre-Jeanne Gerber, MP is hereby published for comment. Interested persons and institutions are invited to submit written comments on the draft legislation before 3 July 2008, to the following person:

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# **BILL**

**To provide for the repeal of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa Private Act No 111 of 1978; and to provide for matters connected therewith.**

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:-

## **Repeal of laws**

1. The Methodist Church of Southern Africa Private Act is hereby repealed.

## **Short title**

5. This Act is called the Methodist Church of Southern Africa Private Act Repeal Act, 2008.

## **MEMORANDUM ON THE OBJECTS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA PRIVATE ACT REPEAL BILL**

### **1. OBJECTS OF BILL**

The objects of the Bill are to—

- (a) give effect to the Constitutional principles of human dignity, equality and the advancement of human rights and freedoms, non racialism and non- sexism.*
- (b) remove legislation that promotes blatantly unfair discrimination from the Statutes;*
- (c) repeal the Methodist Church of Southern Africa Private Act No 111 of 1978*

### **2. IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE**

None.

### **3. BODIES CONSULTED**

The following bodies were consulted:

The Bible Society of South Africa  
The Methodist Church  
The Council of African Instituted Churches  
The Muslim Judicial Council  
South African of Council of Churches

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE**

None

### **5. CONSTITUTIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

### **6. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

6.1 The Parliamentary Legal Advisers are of the opinion that this Bill must be dealt with in accordance with the procedure established by section 75 of the Constitution, since it contains no provision to which the procedure set out in section 74 or 76 of the Constitution applies.

6.2 The Parliamentary Legal Advisers are of the opinion that it is not necessary to refer this Bill to the National House of Traditional Leaders in terms of section 18(1)(a) of the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act, 2003 (Act No. 41 of 2003), since it does not contain provisions pertaining to customary law or customs of traditional communities.

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