Policies of the

Christian Heritage Party of British Columbia

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The following policies spell out the initiatives the Christian Heritage Party of BC would undertake as the Government of British Columbia. Our 6-point plan for representative democracy will give the citizens of this Province control over their government and the power to over-rule any decisions their government makes. These will be enshrined in a BC Constitution so that every future government of British Columbia will be obligated to maintain its accountability to the citizens. Governments need not be afraid to enact legislation to implement their policies if they have a mandate from the voters to do so. However, the citizens of British Columbia must have the final authority on all matters pertaining to their province.

The policies set forth below—duly approved by the members of CHP-BC at a general meeting called for this purpose—may be changed from time to time by a majority vote of the members of this Party.

A Christian Heritage Party of British Columbia Government will introduce a new British Columbia Constitution which includes the following measures:

Topic I: Democratic Reforms

1.0 Direct Election of the Premier, using a system of Preferential Balloting

2.0 Separation of the Premier's office from the Legislative Assembly in order to make the Executive branch of government accountable directly to the citizens of British Columbia.

3.0 Preferential Balloting: We believe that each MLA and the Premier should be elected by a majority vote. A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will change the electoral system to "preferential balloting" for the election of MLAs so that no MLA is ever again elected without receiving the support of at least 50% of his or her constituents who vote. This will eliminate the concern about "vote-splitting".

4.0 Free Votes in the Legislature: Free votes in the Legislature. All members of the BC Legislature will be free to vote, independently of their political party on all bills introduced in the Legislature.

5.0 Recall Legislation: Effective recall legislation, giving the voters in every constituency a reasonable opportunity to "fire" their MLA in a recall referendum if that MLA is found guilty of illegal activity or immoral conduct or is deemed by his or her constituents to have failed to represent them.

A “recall referendum” shall be held in any Constituency where at least 33% of the eligible voters registered in that Constituency sign a petition requesting a “recall referendum” within a 3-month time limit starting not sooner than 12 months after the last election. The referendum shall be held within 3 to 6 months of the petition being received by Elections BC, provided the signatures can be authenticated, and the MLA shall be dismissed from office and the office declared vacant if over 50% of the voters who vote in the recall referendum vote in favour of recall. Only one recall vote per incumbent, per term will be allowed.

The Government shall hold a by-election to fill any vacancy not less than 3 months and not more than 6 months after the office is declared vacant as the result of a recall referendum or in the event of the death, incapacitation or resignation of the incumbent. The incumbent who was recalled may seek re-election in the by-election that follows.

6.0 Effective recall legislation for the Premier: All of the registered voters in British Columbia would be entitled to vote in the recall referendum, utilizing the same rules that apply to the recall of MLA’s except on a province wide basis.

7.0 True “Fixed Terms”: “Fixed Terms” for both the Premier and the members of the Legislative assembly, with no provision for an early election unless they are removed from office by the citizens of British Columbia in a recall referendum, or by the death, incapacitation or resignation of the incumbent(s).

8.0 The elimination of the “Vote of No Confidence”: This measure will no longer be required, since governments will serve for fixed terms and will be accountable directly to the citizens of British Columbia through the “Recall Legislation”. With the elimination of the “Vote of No Confidence” it will no longer be possible for an opposition party to defeat the Government for its own political gain. However, the entire legislature may “resign” by holding a simple majority vote to dissolve the Legislature and hold an election. Such a vote will not affect the term of Premier or the Cabinet.

9.0 Referenda Initiated by Government.

10.0 Amend Citizens’ Initiative Legislation to make it “workable”: This will give the citizens of BC a reasonable opportunity to initiate a referendum to repeal any law passed by their provincial government or to force their government to implement a new law.

11.0 Implementation of Section 33 of the Canadian Constitution (The “notwithstanding clause”): A CHP-BC government would block any ruling any judge makes requiring either the Provincial or Federal Government to change the laws governing the residents of British Columbia. Each implementation of this measure will be subject to repeal by the citizens of British Columbia under item 9 above, if they wish to have the judge’s ruling implemented.

12.0 Campaign financing reform: CHP-BC will ban contributions from any corporation, union or other special interest group, and limit the amount that individuals (registered voters only) may contribute, to no more than $5,000 per year. It will also be made illegal to use money received from a third party to make a political contribution, so that corporations, unions, special interest groups, non-residents or non-citizens cannot legally give money to their employees, members, or any other registered voter, and have them donate this money to a political party. These measures are required to end the control of politicians and political parties by special interest groups and make those politicians accountable to the citizens of BC.

13.0 Uniform Election Dates: In order to minimize expenses, A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will hold elections for all provincially elected offices and posts on the same date as the general election every four years. This schedule will not change if a government has to stand for election at another time due to a non-confidence vote. The scheduled election date will also be used for voting on initiatives and referenda unless urgent action is required.

14.0 Election of Federal Senators: A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will support the election of Federal Senators. We believe in an equal Senate to address the uneven distribution of Canada's population and provide a balance to safeguard provincial interests. A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will hold elections to fill the seats in the Senate that are reserved for British Columbia.

British Columbia Constitution

We believe that all of the above provisions along with a number of other features of our system of democracy and our rights as citizens are so important that we cannot allow any future government to have an opportunity to ignore them. Accordingly, we believe that the people of British Columbia should adopt a constitution that will protect their rights and freedoms from any future government.

A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will appoint a commission to develop, approve and implement a common-sense BC Constitution, by the people and for the people. The commission will be required to consult with the citizens of British Columbia before recommending the wording of the constitution to the Government. The Government will then hold a binding referendum, asking the citizens of British Columbia to approve their new constitution.

This Constitution will include a provision stating that it may only be amended by a majority vote of the Citizens of British Columbia in a province wide referendum. It will not be subject to amendment by the Premier or the BC Legislature without prior approval of the citizens in a referendum.

With these steps, we will have introduced “DIRECT DEMOCRACY” to ‘BRITISH COLUMBIA”, and finally made our government accountable to the citizens of British Columbia. There is no worthier goal for any politician, except to serve his or her GOD with honesty and integrity and to love and care for his or her own family.

Topic II: Fiscal Policies

1.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will:

1. Undertake a complete review of all provincial taxation to be completed within one year of taking office.
2. We will conduct a parallel review of provincial government expenditures to be completed at the same time to determine where costs can be cut so that taxes can be reduced.
3. As soon as possible after these two reviews are completed, we will submit two proposals for a provincial tax structure to the voters and allow them to choose one of the two options in a binding referendum. The two options will be:
    a. A single rate income tax, or
    b. A single rate consumption tax (a tax on spending instead of income).

No matter which tax system the voters choose, the government of this province will endeavour to have the lowest provincial personal taxation rates in Canada.

If the voters choose a single rate income tax, the current “Graduated Income Tax” will be replaced by a “Single Rate of Personal Income Tax” with a generous basic exemption to ensure that no low-income individual pays more under the new system than they would have under the old system.

If the voters choose the consumption tax, the current maze of taxes, including the HST, the carbon tax and a host of other taxes will be eliminated and replaced with one single, visible tax on consumption. Certain basic necessities will be exempted so that low-income earners will not be penalized for purchasing the essentials for survival.

No matter which tax system the voters choose, the government will continue to collect royalties on publicly owned assets such as timber, petroleum and minerals.

2.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will promote job creation by removing unnecessary regulations on small and large businesses.

3.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will promote freer trade in goods and services between the provinces and territories in Canada. We will also encourage

Municipalities, Universities, Colleges, Technical Institutions, Schools and Hospitals to adopt the same policy.

4.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will enact balanced budget legislation, which includes overrides for declared provincial emergencies.

5.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will use any budgetary surpluses to pay down the huge provincial debt which places a burden on the shoulders of our children and grandchildren.

6.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will remove all BC "carbon taxes" and provincial efforts to combat global warming by reducing the levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. We will concentrate instead on fighting real pollution and encouraging the development of alternate, clean sources of energy in order to reduce our dependence on non-renewable resources.

7.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will ensure that adequate compensation, based on market values at the time, will be paid to British Columbians for all our natural resources that are harvested anywhere in British Columbia, either above or below ground and in and below the territorial waters of British Columbia.

8.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will establish "Zero Based Budgeting" for provincial expenditures in order to ensure that the Provincial Government Departments are basing their budget estimations on actual requirements instead of setting them as an increase over the previous year's expenditures, and to discourage government departments from spending money unnecessarily near the end of the fiscal year in order to ensure that their budget allotment is maintained or increased for the following year.

9.0A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will eliminate the BC Property Transfer Tax.

10.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will hold a referendum to obtain permission from the taxpayers before introducing any new taxes or appreciably increasing any existing taxes.

11.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will establish and adhere to generally accepted accounting principles for government as outlined by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants as amended from time to time.

12.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will amortize capital expenditures in accordance with the principles of Resolution 11.

13.0 A Christian Heritage Party Government will end the gambling addiction of the BC Government and will take steps to progressively eliminate government dependence on revenues from lotteries, casinos and other types of gambling. A CHP-BC Government will work to reduce or eliminate widespread public gambling in BC.

Topic III: Education

1.0 The Christian Heritage Party of BC believes that parents are the first and primary educators of their own children. A CHP-BC Government will protect the right of parents to choose the best type of schooling for their children. Provincial funding allocated for the education of BC children in primary and secondary schools will "follow the student" and be directed to the school setting chosen by the parents. "School choice" means that the parents can choose the best school for their children and the provincial per-student allocation will be directed to that school. This includes:

1. PublicSchools
2. CharterSchools
3. IndependentSchools
4. HomeSchools

The Ministry of Education will establish minimum academic standards to ensure that institutions or home schools are equipping students with adequate basic knowledge and skills. The Ministry will also set a 'fee per student' that will apply to all students in BC. Where institutions outside of the public school system are able to provide an equivalent or superior education at a lower cost, the Ministry will adjust fees accordingly for all students, providing an incentive for excellence and cost-effectiveness. No schools funded by tax dollars will teach/promote/condone physical harm.

2.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will ensure that volunteers and non-licensed paid employees are allowed to perform non-academic services for independent schools. Remuneration for these services will be entirely at the discretion of the governing body of the independent schools.

3.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will carry out negotiation of salaries and working conditions of public school teachers on a province wide basis.

4.0 A CHP-BC Government will end the practice of taxpayer-funded BC Schools being used to promote social engineering regarding human sexuality, sexual orientation, etc. We believe that parents are primarily responsible for training their own children in matters of morality. Public educators are entrusted—during the valuable time children are in their care and supervision—to support parents as role models, not to usurp their authority nor to undermine the values taught at home. To this end, the Corren

Agreement of 2005 will be reversed. The widespread promotion of “anti-bullying“ as a strategy to promote alternate sexual and family models will be abandoned. All students will be protected from all forms of bullying, including pressure from teachers and peers to conform to new standards of sexual labelling and attitudes. A CHP-BC Government will promote a high standard of conduct for all students and teachers including positive references to abstinence, chastity and marriage.

Topic IV: Employment and Job Creation

1.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will encourage and support our residents who wish to complete their education up to and including grade twelve.

2.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will, within the ability of taxpayers to fund the cost, increase our expenditures on education at technical institutes, colleges and universities by providing loans for students who apply and meet the minimum requirements. These loans will be forgivable for post-secondary students who graduate from BC institutions and continue to live, work and pay taxes in BC. Forgiveness of the loans will be pro-rated over a ten-year period. If any graduate ceases to be a resident of British Columbia at any time within the ten years following graduation, the unforgiven pro-rated portion of the student loan will become due and payable.

3.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will amend the present Fair Wage policy so that in future it will include both unionized and non-unionized entities in the bidding process for public construction, including construction of schools. This policy will be reviewed with a goal to ensure fair competitive bidding on public construction projects.

4.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will use tax incentives, including royalty holidays to encourage the establishment of new businesses and industries in British Columbia.

5.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will establish an “Essential Services Dispute Mechanism” as a fair and impartial way of resolving issues between the Provincial Government and its employees.

6.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will incorporate appropriate environmental regulations in the development of our natural resources in order to ensure that the environment is adequately protected throughout all phases of exploration, development and extraction of the resources.

A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will negotiate a deal with the Federal Government, similar to the deal they now have with Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, to

give British Columbia control over and the royalties from offshore resources.

7.0 The Christian Heritage Party of BC believes that urbanization of the Lower Mainland has already gone too far; has created virtually insoluble traffic problems and dangerous levels of pollution, and that further expansion of this process should be discouraged.
A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will encourage the location of industry and the development of public infrastructure facilities and services, including necessary road, rail, and air links, in the North and Interior by making Crown land readily available for such use, thereby creating opportunities for employment in rural areas suffering economically as a result of mining, forestry, government, and other cutbacks.

8.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will add an export duty to raw logs, which would be used to re-train the people currently in the logging industry. The aim would be to promote manufacturing of wood products in B.C. instead of exporting jobs with the raw logs.

Topic V: Energy/Environment/Natural Resources

1.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will expand hydroelectric power, especially environmentally-friendly run-of-river projects, open up the mining industry and rejuvenate the forest industry by reducing bureaucratic red tape and moving to a market-based system that is open to all operators including small businesses.

2.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will encourage the use of methanol in gasoline sold in this province.

3.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will encourage the construction of plants in BC that are designed to convert wood fibre and other products to clean petroleum. See 5.0

4.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will encourage the Forest Industry to harvest pine beetle infested trees and reseed the harvested area as soon as possible. This will salvage the trees that would otherwise go to waste and will create jobs in the Forest Industry. Timber that cannot be used for lumber or pulp will be turned into liquid bio-fuel.

5.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will actively promote the creation of energy via alternate methods, including wind power, tidal power, solar power and hydrogen power, including the production of hydrogen and bio-fuel from bio-waste such as effluents, junk fish, dead trees and agricultural waste materials.

6.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will actively encourage the building of a bridge from the Mainland to Vancouver Island that incorporates tidal power generators into the structure and generates enough tidal power to pay the capital construction cost and maintenance cost of the bridge over a reasonable time.

7.0 The Christian Heritage Party of BC recognizes that climate is subject to change due to many factors, including natural causes; we do not believe that CO2 is the primary cause of climate change nor do we subscribe to climate alarmism with frantic and expensive efforts to eliminate the use of carbon-based fuels.

A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will promote responsible and cost-effective research into potential alternative energy sources while allowing the ongoing use, development and transportation of reliable and time-tested energy sources such as—but not limited to—oil, wood, natural gas and coal.

We are concerned about the release of man-made chemical emissions into BC's beautiful blue skies under Weather Modification efforts. A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will defend the right of BC residents to have no chemical additives deliberately released into BC skies by any government agency or private corporation. We will renew environmental monitoring and protection of BC's air and skies from unwanted deliberate emissions.

A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will promote the long-term generation of electricity by using;

1 – existing hydro electric generating facilities
2 – in-stream turbines
3 – wind generators where practical and deemed to be safe
4 – bio-generation methods to make use of our wastes and effluents
5 – off shore wave generation (using the likes of Pelamis machines)
6 – direct hydrogen generation (using standing, contained effluents)
7 – solar energy
8 – thermal energy
9 - nuclear energy but not until viable waste-disposal solutions have been found. We will promote research into the promising Thorium Reactor which appears to be cleaner, safer and to have a more readily-available supply of mineral fuel.
10 - Geothermal power generation and heat exchange technology. In addition, any new technology that is developed will be investigated and assessed.

In the interim, A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will:
1- expand and improve mass transit facilities where economically feasible
2- facilitate commercial traffic flow and possibly reward its use during off-peak hours.
3- provide tax credits for research in clean burning fuels for commercial transportation
4- encourage the use of electric / hydrogen powered vehicles.

5- encourage hydrogen containment and generation technology development in BC
6 - embark on a major education program aimed at conserving energy.

8.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will amend the Mineral Tenure Act to prohibit unauthorized access to private property for mineral exploration.

9.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will reduce the regulation and red tape that prevents more resource-based industries from opening in British Columbia.

Topic VI: Transportation

1.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will implement a transportation policy for British Columbia to achieve the following long-term objectives for rural and urban travel:
a) The design or redesign of suburban road systems and the construction of more rapid light rail lines to enable travelers to get to their destinations faster and with a minimum number of transfers.
b) Encourage car-pooling, vanpooling and the use of all other high occupancy vehicles.
c) Encourage the use of bicycles and pedestrian travel.
d) Encourage the extension of light rapid transit systems.
e) Encourage the production and use of more fuel-efficient vehicles, including hybrid vehicles as well as vehicles that rely on alternate sources of fuel such as electricity, hydrogen or bio- diesel.

2.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will ensure that revenues earmarked for specific transportation goals will be applied only for these purposes.

3.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will ensure that any public transit service operated by a regional government will not exclude the development or management of private ownership of new transit services.

4.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government, when funds are available and after negotiating a cost-sharing agreement with the Federal Government, will “twin” the Trans Canada Highway from Kamloops to the Alberta border.

5.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will consider bypass routes around urban centres in the Interior of BC on a priority basis. These bypass routes will only be built with the approval of the residents of the communities affected.
6.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will not implement tolls on existing highways and will only consider tolls on new highways or bridges when alternate toll-free routes are available.

Topic VII: Health Care

The Health Care System in British Columbia is not adequately meeting the needs of all British Columbians. There is currently a long waiting list for many medical procedures in British Columbia. In addition, many rural residents now have to travel long distances, sometimes in extreme winter conditions, to access certain types of health care,

Therefore, a Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will take the following steps to improve Health Care Delivery in British Columbia:

1. Hospitals cost in British Columbia will be covered by payments from the Provincial Government on a “Performance” basis. This will cause hospital administrations to become conscious of costs and revenues and help them to seek the most cost-effective way of dealing with their patients. In many cases, it will encourage them to offer more, rather than fewer services. This will help reduce waiting lists for surgeries
2. When private health care providers can provide a service more cost effectively and/or in a more timely manner, the Government of British Columbia will send patients to those private health care providers and will cover the cost of their services through the BC Health Care system. This is currently being done with most doctors, who operate private, “for profit” clinics in British Columbia.
3. Copies of all invoices paid by the Provincial Government, including all payments to Government owned facilities as well as all payments to private health care providers will be made available to the patient or surviving relative. This will enable the residents of British Columbia to see what their health care is costing the taxpayers and will make medical practitioners aware that their invoices are being seen by the customer.
4. We will create an Office of the Provincial Surgeon General to oversee our complete health care system and ensure fairness in payments to hospitals and clinics as well as to arbitrate patient complaints. We will address the shortage of doctors and nurses by fast tracking the accreditation of foreign trained professionals and by increasing the number of training spaces in our educational institutions.
5. We will open more long-term care facilities in British Columbia in order to get long term care patients out of our hospitals and into a more comfortable environment, and free up hospital beds for acute care patients.
6. We will open more community care facilities in rural British Columbia, in order to take pressure off of our hospitals in those communities.
7. We will increase the availability of home care support and reinstate housekeeping and other services so that more senior citizens can live in dignity in their own homes and so that that the demand for expensive hospital care will be further reduced.

8. We will encourage the establishment of walk-in clinics, including clinics offering 24- hour service. We will then encourage emergency room personnel to refer non emergency patients to those walk-in clinics, where they can be treated more cost effectively.
9. We will open or re-open hospitals that have been closed in smaller communities in rural British Columbia, where numbers and/or distance from existing hospitals warrant, so that fewer patients will have to travel such great distances, sometimes in extreme weather, to access primary health care. This will also relieve some of the pressure on our regional hospitals. Where numbers warrant, palliative care will be provided at these small, rural hospitals so that those approaching end-of-life can be closer to their families and be kept comfortable. We will put more emphasis on preventative medicine and promote fitness and nutrition as keys to healthier living and reduce the demand on our health care facilities. This will include health and fitness programs in our schools, including mandatory physical education from K-12.
10. We will establish a Health Care Task Force that will consult with the health care professionals and residents of British Columbia and will also study health care services in other countries to determine what works and what could provide benefit to the residents of British Columbia.
11. While currently, abortions are performed by BC health care professionals both within provincially-operated facilities and private clinics, we do not believe abortions (the killing of tiny human beings) qualify as “health care”, nor that BC taxpayers, many of whom are conscientiously opposed to abortion, should be forced to pay for them. We also believe that the money spent on abortions in BC could be better spent on pregnancy care and support for new mothers. Many studies indicate negative health impacts for women who undergo abortions, including suicide, depression, birthing complications and a higher incidence of breast cancers. Therefore, a CHP-BC Government would:
    a. Remove abortion from the list of taxpayer-funded surgical procedures. In fact, we believe that BC taxpayers should not be forced to pay for any surgeries that are not medically necessary. (Abortion is an elective surgery and is not medically necessary).
    b. Restore access to information for statistical information about abortions performed in all BC hospitals and private clinics. Make it mandatory to document all medical procedures in BC. This information must be available to the public through Freedom of Information requests.
    c. Repeal BC’s “Bubble Zone” legislation (Access to Abortion Services ACT of 1995) and restore freedom of speech in BC.
12. A CHP-BC Government will defend its senior citizens and those with disabilities from attempts to institute euthanasia and assisted suicide in the province of BC.

Topic VIII: Aboriginal Affairs

1.0 The Christian Heritage Party of BC believes that outstanding treaty claims must be settled equitably and quickly in order to facilitate the orderly growth and development of the province. This will involve the federal government, the provincial government and the First Nations affected by any settlement.

2.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will, with the federal government's cooperation, honour existing Constitutional obligations while negotiating agreements which will be beneficial for both aboriginal and non-aboriginal British Columbians.

3.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will insist that the Federal Government fulfill its responsibilities in carrying the cost of any negotiations and settlements

4.0 The Christian Heritage Party of BC believes that the current Indian Act is outdated and must be replaced with more appropriate legislation. A CHP-BC Government would encourage private ownership of all existing housing on reserve lands with full property rights recognized for current residents. Territorial claims outside of reserve lands will need to be examined and negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

5.0 The Christian Heritage Party of BC believes that all residents of British Columbia should be treated with equal respect under the law, equal access to services and equal opportunity for employment, education and advancement.

Topic IX: National Unity

1.0 The Christian Heritage Party of BC believes that the values most Canadians share in all the provinces and territories, which are part of our great Canadian heritage are greater that the values on which we are divided.

2.0 The Christian Heritage Party of BC supports the Premier's 1997 declaration in Calgary, stating, "Canada's gift of diversity includes aboriginal peoples and cultures, the vitality of the English and French languages and a multicultural citizenry, drawn from all parts of the world"

3.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will respect the statement in the Premier's declaration, "Canada is a federal system where federal, provincial and territorial governments work in partnership while respecting each other's jurisdiction." Canadians want their governments to work together for the protection and wellbeing of all our citizens.

4.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government believes that all Canadians should have the freedom to travel freely, and to move to any location in the Country, to work, to vacation or to retire wherever they desire in this great land. We also believe that they should be fully entitled to all the benefits offered by the Government of any province where they choose to live and that they should have a reasonable expectation that those benefits will be similar, no matter which province they choose to live in.

A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will fight for the standardization of benefits throughout the Country so that this type of disparity is eliminated.

5.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will strive to ensure that the five basic principles of the Canada Health Act are applied throughout Canada, even though the administration of health services comes under provincial jurisdiction. Residents of any province or territory who require medical assistance or services while visiting elsewhere in Canada will have as full and equal access to all health care facilities and services as residents of the province or territory in which the need for such services is required.

6.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government, in seeking to promote national unity, will propose the following federal policy priorities:

a) The Federal government should work with the provinces to reinforce Canadian economic union through the Inter-provincial Trade Agreement.

b) The Inter-provincial Trade Commission should be given authority by the Federal Government to initiate and carry out policies derived from the Inter-provincial Trade Agreement.

c) The Federal Government should take a leadership role in eliminating inter-provincial trade barriers in commerce, labour and capital mobility.

7.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will seek to establish provincial control over:

- Natural Resources (Oil, Natural Gas, Coal, etc.), including control over and revenue from offshore resources both in the sea and under the sea.
- Forestry
- Health Care
- Education; including Post Secondary Education.
- Taxation
- Immigration to British Columbia from outside of Canada.
- A Provincial Police Force to replace the RCMP, with authority similar to the OPP and the QPP

8.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will support:

A Federal “Triple E” Senate to give B.C. residents a greater share in the decision making in the Federal Government.

9.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will co-operate with the Federal Government to amend the Federal Constitution to include Property Rights, as well as to guarantee that no person shall be deprived of their just rights without due process of law and full, just and timely compensation.

Topic X: AGRICULTURE

1.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will work to ensure that Agriculture in British Columbia remains competitive with other jurisdictions by freeing the industry as much as possible from government red tape and control.

2.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will encourage the growth of secondary industry in the Agricultural sector by offering incentives to farmers to build facilities for the processing of farm produce such as slaughterhouses to process B.C. beef, and establishing processing facilities.

3.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will work with the agriculture industry to promote their products both inside and outside British Columbia, and to promote the development of new agricultural products in B.C.

4.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will guarantee an annual provincial agriculture budget for the Agri-Food sector, at par with the Canadian average returns as a percentage of Agricultural Gross Domestic Product.

5.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will fully participate in all federal Agricultural and Environmental initiatives and will review and administer all Canadian Agricultural Risk Management Programs.

6.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will provide a sustainable crop insurance system in BC based on full production guarantees and insurable values that reflect the unique diversity of British Columbia’s Agri-food Sector.

7.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will establish a modern system of conservation to replace the Agriculture Land Commission. Agriculture land-use decision-making will be returned to local/regional government control.

8.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will establish an Agriculture Regional Development Authority to provide interest free long term Provincial Infrastructure Loans to fund water supply and water purification projects through local governments, regional districts, First Nations governments and certified irrigation water districts.

Topic XI: PRIVATIZATION

1.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will not privatize or otherwise outsource personal information collection and storage to organizations outside the province.

2.0 Crown corporations and assets, such as BC Hydro, will not be disposed of without the permission of the voting public via referendum.

3.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will undertake a thorough review of the role of ICBC and implement any recommendations to improve ICBC including allowing competition.

4.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will encourage private companies to locate in British Columbia and employ the residents of British Columbia by providing the infrastructure that they need and tax rates that are competitive with other jurisdictions.

Topic XII: FAMILY

1.0 The Christian Heritage Party of BC believes that the family unit is essential to the well-being of individuals and society, because that is where children learn values and develop a sense of responsibility. Therefore, government legislation and programs should support and respect the role of the British Columbian family and the rich heritage of this province where the family unit has traditionally been valued and supported by government.

2.0 The Christian Heritage Party of BC believes in the right and duty of parents to raise their own children responsibly according to their own conscience and beliefs. We believe no person, government or agency has the right to interfere in the exercise of that duty except through due process of law and only where it can be reasonably demonstrated that the children are suffering neglect or abuse at the hands of their parents or others who are entrusted with their care.

3.0 The Christian Heritage Party of BC believes that the institution of marriage should be restricted to the union of one man and one woman and should be viewed primarily as the vehicle for producing and raising the children which are the future generations of British Columbians. The courts should not determine the definition of marriage.

Topic XIII: JUSTICE

1.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will reform the provincial legal system to ensure the protection of the public, restore punishment as a deterrent to crime and dispense justice in a timely manner.

2.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will seek to implement mandatory restitution for non-violent property crime and will enact “proceeds from crime legislation”, to assist in providing compensation to victims of crime.

3.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will create and publish, on the government website, a record of the cases handled, and sentences handed down, for each individual judge. It will also create a recall process whereby judges who are “soft on crime” or otherwise fail to dispense justice fairly can be relieved of their duties by the voters.

4.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will create a commission, consisting of judges and ordinary citizens, charged with reviewing sentencing guidelines and proposing any changes to the Parliament of Canada for adoption.

5.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will consider impaired driving an endangerment of the public and the second offence may warrant forfeiture of the vehicle if it is registered to the driver and prison time for anyone that is convicted of this offence.

6.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will recommend to the federal government that any person who is not a citizen of Canada and who is convicted of a violent crime in British Columbia be deported to his or her country of origin immediately after release from prison. They should be escorted directly from the prison to the airport and placed on the first available flight to their country of origin.

7.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will eliminate the BC Human Rights Tribunal, which is currently being used unfairly by special interests to harass our citizens and coerce them into silence on important issues.

The complainants currently have free, unfettered access to the Tribunal while the defendants have no such assistance and must incur a huge expense to defend themselves. The decisions handed down by this Tribunal are final and not subject to review in a court of law.

The Human Rights Tribunal is not necessary and will be disbanded, since aggrieved groups and individuals have sufficient recourse through the court system. A CHP-BC Government will work to dismantle the Human Rights Tribunal and repeal the enabling legislation which supports it.

Topic XIV: FISHERIES

1.0 The Federal Government must be required to carry out its fisheries commitment to British Columbia, as set out in B.C.'s Terms of Union with Canada. The Federal Government, in the Terms of Union, committed to "assume and defray the charges" for the "Protection and Encouragement of Fisheries." A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will insist that the Federal Government carry out its part of the bargain.

2.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will enact legislation that recognizes and protects the public right to fish so that all Canadians will have an equal right to fish and equal access to the fishery regardless of their race, heritage or ethnic background.

3.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will ensure that treaties and treaty negotiations are consistent with, and respectful of, the public right to fish and will ensure that aboriginals have equal access with all other Canadians to the fisheries resource.

4.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will seek compensation from the federal government for fishermen where federal fisheries policies have undermined the livelihood of BC fishermen.

5.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will be an advocate for BC fisheries.

6.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will appoint a BC Minister of Fisheries.

7.0 A Christian Heritage Party of BC Government will ensure that aquaculture operates in a manner that does not harm or threaten wild fish stocks. A timetable will be established by which all fish farms will be required to move to closed containment.