

to be annually elected shall be chosen, and the manner in which such election shall be held, and shall provide a good and sufficient record book, wherein shall be registered from time to time all of its proceedings, and which shall at all times be open to inspection by any member of the said congregation, or any ecclesiastical officer of the said denomination of Christians, having, according to the discipline and practice thereof, authority over the said congregation, or the right to be informed concerning its management and interest of the said corporation; the pastor of the congregation for the time being (if any there be), shall always be president; it shall have power to frame such rules and ordinances for the orderly conduct of divine worship and the advancement of the interests of the congregation, as a majority of the corporation may from time to time deem necessary; provided, that the same shall not conflict with the constitution or laws of the United States or this State, or with the discipline and practice of the denomination aforesaid.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 288. 1912, sec. 353. 1904, sec. 315. 1892, ch. 614, sec. 217C.

289. If at any time one of the corporators so as aforesaid to be annually elected shall die, resign or become disqualified by ceasing to be a pewholder of the said church, it shall be competent for the remaining members of the said corporation to appoint a successor to the one so dying, resigning or become disqualified, which successor shall hold office until some one to fill his place shall be chosen at the next annual meeting of the said congregation; and if at any time the member so as aforesaid to be annually appointed by the ordinary of the diocese shall die or resign, it shall be competent for the said ordinary to fill the said vacancy in the corporation aforesaid, by appointing another person to serve for the remainder of the term of the one so dying or resigning, and until a successor thereto shall be duly chosen according to the terms of section 287; and if at any time the corporators for the time being shall think it wise to change the name of the said corporation, they may do the same by a certificate under their hands and seals, to be acknowledged and recorded as provided for in the case of the original certificate mentioned in section 287 of this article.

See notes to sec. 275.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 289. 1912, sec. 354. 1904, sec. 316. 1892, ch. 614, sec. 217D.

290. Any person or persons, individual or corporation, holding lands or goods and chattels, or any interest therein, in trust for any particular church or congregation, church society congregation, of the said denomination, wherein a corporation shall be formed in accordance with the terms of section 287, shall convey the same to the said corporation as soon as possible after its formation under the terms of the three preceding sections; and any gift, devise or bequest heretofore or hereafter made to any such congregation, or to any person or persons, individual or corporation in trust therefor, shall enure to the benefit of the corporation to be formed in such congregation (if any such corporation shall be so formed according to the terms of said sections), whether the said corporation be or be not accurately described in such gift, devise or bequest; provided, that the intention of the donor or testator be clear that the same should enure to the benefit of the said congregation.

See notes to sec. 275.

Devises and bequests for charitable uses are not to be held void by reason of the uncertainty of the donees, provided the will contains directions for the formation of a corporation to take the same, and provided such corporation is formed within twelve months—art. 93, sec. 335.