

Elkton, Cecil county, was conveyed to William Torbert, Fredus Aldridge, Thomas C Crouch, Andrew Alexander, Francis A. Ellis, Edwin Wilmer and William H Eder, in trust that they should erect or cause to be erected thereon a Church or house of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the United States, subject to certain restrictions and reservations in said deed mentioned; *and whereas*, since the execution of the said deed, the said Edwin Wilmer has removed from the said town of Elkton, and has resigned his position as one of the said Trustees, and William J. Jones has been elected a Trustee in his stead according to the mode prescribed in said deed; *and whereas*, the said Trustees finding it necessary, to the proper execution of their said trust, that they should have corporate powers, have petitioned the General Assembly to confer such powers upon them; now, therefore,

SECTION 1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said William Torbert, Fredus Aldridge, Thomas C Crouch, Andrew Alexander, Francis A Ellis William J. Jones and William H. Eder, and their successors, chosen as hereinafter provided for, shall be and are hereby created a body corporate and politic by the name, style and title of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Elkton, and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, to have, hold, enjoy and be seized and possessed of real and personal and mixed estate; to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded in any Court of Law or Equity in this State or elsewhere; to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew at pleasure, and also to do all such other acts and things as corporate bodies may of right do, not inconsistent with the laws of this State, or with the constitution and laws of the United States

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said Trustees hereby incorporated shall have power to make and ordain such by-laws as they may find necessary for the better management of the property held, or to be held by them, in trust, or for the regulation of the religious services held or to be held in the building or church edifice erected on said lot of ground, and the due preservation of order and decorum therein, during the hour of divine worship, and at all other times; and such by-laws when duly made and ordained by a majority of the said Trustees, if not inconsistent with the laws of this State, or the constitution and laws of the United States, shall have the same force and effect as if they were part and parcel of this act.

SEC 3. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any vacancy shall occur in consequence of the death, removal or resignation of any of said Trustees, or in case any of them shall cease to hold membership in said Church, the remaining Trustees shall fill the vacancy by ballot, after due notice from the pulpit of the Church, on said lot, four days previous to the meeting at which such vacancy is to be filled; *provided however*, that no person shall be elected a Trustee unless he shall have been at the time of his election, for at least one year, a member of the said Church or Society, worshipping therein, and over twenty-one years of age.