

under their hands and seals to the contending parties shall be final.

Qualifications. 162. At the first election or appointment of every body, politic or corporate aforesaid, every church, society or corporation assembled as already directed, shall determine on their plan, agreement or regulation, specifying distinctly the time and manner of electing trustees, and the manner in which the succession shall be perpetuated, and containing an exact description of the qualifications of the persons severally electing and elected, and to elect and to be elected thereafter, and also the name, style or title of the corporation by which it shall thereafter be known, and the name of the church, society or congregation choosing the same.

Name of corporation

Record book.

To be acknowledged

163. The said plan, agreement or regulation shall be entered in the book hereinafter directed to be kept by every such corporation, and the same shall be acknowledged by the trustees, or a majority of them, before, and certified by two justices of the peace of the county or city in which the said church, congregation or society, or the greatest number of the members shall reside, or the same may be acknowledged before, and certified by a judge of the circuit court, or of the supreme bench of Baltimore city.

Plan or agreement to be recorded in office of clerk of court

164. The plan or agreement so acknowledged and certified shall be filed by the said trustees with the clerk of the circuit court of the county where the said church, society or congregation, or the greater part of the members reside, or the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city, if they or the greater part of the members reside in the city of Baltimore, within six months after such acknowledgment shall be made, and the same shall be recorded at the expense of the corporation, in a book to be kept for that especial purpose.

Amendment of plan

165. If any change shall be made in the original plan by authority of the congregation, such change shall in the same manner be acknowledged and recorded.

Meetings of members

166. Every such corporation may appoint the times and places of the meeting of its members, and the