

Id s 163
Record book.
46 Md 359.
To be acknowl-
edged

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.

Id s 164
Plan of agree-
ment to be re-
corded in office
of clerk of
court
46 Md 359

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 a 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.

Id s 165
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.

Id s 166
Meeting
of members.

166. Every such corporation may appoint the time and places of the meeting of its members, and the number necessary to constitute a quorum, and shall provide and keep a good and sufficient record book, and cause therein to be registered all its proceedings, subject at all times to the inspection of the several members of the church, society, or congregation; and the same shall be laid before a public meeting when required by any five or more of the members; and the said trustees, or a majority of them, shall have full power to frame such rules and ordinances for conducting their concerns as may be necessary and convenient for accomplishing the end of their institution.

Record book

Rules and regu-
lations

Id s 167
Secession of
part of congre-
gation, etc

167. When any number of persons belonging to any church or congregation, sufficient to build a church or house of worship, and to maintain a minister, shall choose to separate from the church or congregation of which they have hitherto been a part, and to erect a house of worship, and employ a minister for themselves, it shall be lawful for them to do so; and they shall by their respective name or style be entitled to all the benefits of this article relating to their incorporation; *provided*, only, that all arrearages, debts, and engagements contracted, due, or becoming due, while members of the former society, shall be discharged

Proviso
Dues and debts.

Id s 168
Trustees to con-
vey to corpora-
tion

168. The person or persons holding lands or goods and chattels in trust for any particular church or society, shall convey the same to the corporation of such particular church or society as soon as the same shall be formed under this article.

Id s 169
Protestant
Episcopal
Church

169. Nothing in this article shall prevent the Protestant Episcopal Church from incorporating the vestries in the several parishes, according to the usages of the said church.