

of conveyance or transfer of or from legal capability to make such transfer or conveyance, and the same to improve with such churches, parsonages and buildings for the use of the congregations for public or other worship, and for residences for the pastors of said congregations not inconsistent with the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States; and to sell, rent, mortgage and convey all or any part of any property belonging to or that may thereafter belong to the said corporation, according to the rules of discipline of the said Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States.

Vested in body corporate.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all lands and tenements, with the appurtenances now belonging to or held in the name of the incorporation herein named, for the use and benefit of said church, and all personal property, fixtures and furniture now held by them, shall, from and after the passage of this act, be vested in the said body corporate hereby created, and their successors, forever, for the use and benefit of the congregation, according to the rules and regulations of the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, and to be governed by said rules of said discipline in all their proceedings except as stated otherwise in this act.

Divide into classes.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the board of trustees named in section two of this act shall, as soon after the passage of this act as convenient, meet together, and by lot divide themselves into three equal classes, the first class to hold their office until the fourth quarterly conference of the said church next held after the passage of this act, under the rules and regulations of the said discipline; the second class to hold their office for two years, and the third class to hold their office for three years; each class to be ineligible for re-election for one year after retiring from said office, and such vacancies shall be filled at the said quarterly conference, as now provided or may hereafter be provided by the rules of the said discipline, so that three new trustees shall be appointed and elected annually; in case of other vacancies they shall be filled as provided by the rules of said discipline.

Effective.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1884.