

**Chapter 409.**

## AN ACT to incorporate the Westminster Theological Seminary of the Methodist Protestant Church.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Laurance W. Bates, Joshua F. Murray, John D. Kinzer, Joshua W. Hering, William J. C. Dulaney, Thomas H. Lewis, John W. Hull, Julius C. Roberts, Charles E. Crenshaw, Francis H. M. Henderson and Thomas B. Appleget, and their successors in office, as herein provided for, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of "The Westminster Theological Seminary of the Methodist Protestant Church," and by that name the corporation shall have perpetual succession, the right to sue and be sued, the right to contract and be contracted with, and to make and use a common seal, and to alter the same at pleasure, and may acquire, have, hold, possess, use and enjoy, upon the trusts and for the uses and purposes of said corporation, by purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest, any real estate or personal property, and may let, lease, sell, grant, alien and convey any of said real estate or personal property.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the objects and purposes of the said corporation are the establishment, maintenance and support within the State of Maryland of a theological faculty and seminary, and of theological instructions and education therein, under the direction and supervision of the general conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, as herein provided, and in consonance with the doctrines and discipline of said church, with power to confer on graduates of said seminary proper degrees in theology, and to confer honorary degrees upon clergymen.

Object, purpose  
and powers.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the government of said corporation and the management of its property, business and affairs are hereby vested in a board of governors, to be known as the board of governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary of the Methodist Protestant Church, composed of eleven persons, constituted as follows: Three ministers and two laymen, elected by the Maryland annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, the president of the faculty of said seminary ex officio, and two ministers

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ors.