

title are hereby made and declared able and capable in law to take, receive, hold, possess and acquire by gift, devise, bequest, grant or otherwise, lands, tenements, goods, chattels, estate and property of any kind whatsoever, and the same again to grant, devise, alien and dispose of; provided, that the clear yearly income of the real and personal estate of said corporation shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That no misnomer of the said body corporate and its successors shall defeat or annul any purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest to or from the said corporation; provided, the intent of the party or parties shall sufficiently appear upon the face of the gift, will, grant or other writing whereby any estate, interest or property was intended to pass to or from the said corporation.

Bequests not affected by misnomer.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and its successors shall have full power and authority to make, have and use a common seal, with such device and inscription as it shall see fit, and the same to break, alter and renew at pleasure.

Common seal

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and its successors, by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall be able and capable, in law, to sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, plead and be impleaded, in any court, or before any judge or justice, in any and all manner of suits, complaints, pleas and demands of whatsoever nature, kind or form they may be, and all and every matter and thing to do in as full and effectual manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic and corporate within this State, can or may.

May sue, contract, etc.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said body corporate and its successors shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to make, ordain and establish by-laws, regulations and ordinances, and do everything incident and needful for the support and due government of said corporation, and managing the funds and revenues thereof; provided, the said by-laws, regulations and ordinances shall not be repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, or of the State of Maryland, or to the Constitution, discipline, rules and regulations of the Methodist Protestant Church.

By laws.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation shall consist of fourteen persons, who shall be members of the Methodist Protestant Church, in good and regular standing, who shall be elected by the said General Conference of the Meth-

Members of corporations.