

ration; 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.

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 they shall think proper, and the same to 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 of the peace, in any and all manner of suits and matters of whatsoever nature or form, and all and every matter and thing to do in as full and effectual a 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 corporation and its successors shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to make, ordain and establish by-laws, regulations and ordinances, and do all things incident and needful for the support and proper government of said corporation and management of the funds and revenues thereof; provided, 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 and discipline, rules and regulations of the African Union First Colored Methodist Protestant Church. By-laws.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation shall consist of nine members, and no more, who shall be members of the African Union First Colored Methodist Protestant Church in good and regular standing, five of whom shall be ordained ministers of the annual conference of the Maryland district of the African Union First Colored Methodist Protestant Church, and four shall be lay members of the African Union First Colored Methodist Protestant Church, within the bounds of the Maryland district, and the term of membership shall continue one year, such term to begin on the first day of June next succeeding the election of the members, as hereinafter provided; and the Annual Conference of the Maryland district of the African Union First Colored Methodist Protestant Church shall, at each annual meeting thereof, elect in such Members of corporation.