

Vacancies.

mode as to said conference shall seem proper, the said number of nine members; provided, however, that the aforesaid members of said corporation named in this act shall continue in office as members of said corporation until the first day of June, 1897; and in case the place of any member of said corporation shall be made vacant by death, resignation or otherwise, before the expiration of his term, it shall be the duty of the remaining members of said corporation at the first meeting held, at which such vacancy shall become known, to elect some person having aforesaid qualifications, a member of said corporation, who shall, however, hold office only for the unexpired term of the member creating such vacancy; and if the said Annual Conference of the Maryland district of the African Union First Colored Methodist Protestant Church shall fail at any annual meeting thereof to elect members of said corporation, then the said corporation shall be managed by the then members thereof until the next meeting of the said Annual Conference.

May hold property, etc.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That said corporation, under its corporate name, shall have power to take and hold by donation, gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise, any property, real, personal or mixed, in the State of Maryland, or any other State of the United States in behalf and for the benefit and use of the Annual Conference of the Maryland district of the African Union First Colored Methodist Protestant Church, and the same to manage, grant, convey, pledge, lease or otherwise to dispose of and to execute such trusts as may be confided to said corporation, all which shall be under the supervision of the Annual Conference of the Maryland district of the African Union First Colored Methodist Protestant Church.

May administer trusts.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation shall also be deemed competent to receive and administer any special benevolent trust on behalf of the African Union First Colored Methodist Protestant Church, or any religious, charitable or benevolent object connected with said church that may be confided or entrusted to it.

Officers of corporation.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation shall have a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer, such officers to be chosen by said corporation from their own members as often as they may see proper, and according to rules or by-laws to be by them prescribed; and the said corporation shall have authority to appoint such officers, agents and servants as shall be deemed necessary.