

of said church over twenty-one years and attending shall be entitled to vote upon all questions arising at any and all congregational meetings. The pastor for the time being shall preside at all such meetings, and in his absence the meeting shall elect its president.

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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the annual meeting of the members of said church for nominating to the board of trustees members eligible to be elected to said board shall take place in the month of January in each year, and the annual meeting of the board of trustees for electing trustees shall be held during the first week of February in each year. Vacancies in the board of trustees from whatever cause shall always be promptly filled by the holding members of the board from a list of eligibles containing double the number of vacancies to be nominated by a meeting of the members of the congregation, which shall always be promptly called as aforesaid. In case of failure of the members to hold a congregational meeting, or of the board of trustees to elect for any reason, then notices of other meetings for said purpose shall be promptly given, and the said meetings shall be promptly held.

Annual meeting for election to be held in January and February.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said church shall hold all its property in trust for the use and benefit of the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States of America, subject to the discipline, usage and ministerial appointments of said church as from time to time authorized and declared, and if sold the proceeds shall be disposed of and used in accordance with the provisions of said discipline.

Property held in trust.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*. That the powers and authority hereby given or intended to be given to the trustees aforesaid or their successors, shall not be understood, taken or construed in anywise to prohibit, prevent or take from the minister or ministers in charge for the time being, duly authorized and appointed agreeably to the discipline of said church as aforesaid, the use and enjoyment of the church, but that the same shall be had and enjoyed by them and by other ministers and preachers duly authorized by the discipline of said church as aforesaid, with the consent of the minister who shall have the pastoral charge aforesaid for the time being and by no other person or persons whatsoever, unless by particular license and consent of a majority of the board of trustees obtained at a meeting called by the preacher in charge, or in his absence by the secretary or treasurer of the board.

How power and authority given to the trustees shall be construed.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That within one month after the passage of this Act, a meeting of the members of said