

ual succession, and shall be capable in law to take, receive and hold such property, real, personal or mixed, as may be acquired by them by gift, devise, bequest or purchase, and the same to manage, dispose of, alien and convey at pleasure; provided the clear yearly income of such property shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars, and that the same shall be appropriated to the purposes of the Home Missions of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America. Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That no misnomer of the said corporation shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, devise or bequest to it, or for its benefit, in any case in which it shall appear that said corporation was in fact intended to be made the recipient or beneficiary of such gift, grant, devise or bequest by any person or persons making the same. Shall not defeat.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the corporation hereby created shall consist of not less than five nor more than nine persons, who shall from time to time, be chosen or appointed by the general synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the United States of America, in such manner as it may deem best; which persons, when so chosen or appointed, shall hold office as members of the corporation hereby created until the choice or appointment of their successors by the said general synod, and the persons named in the first section of this act shall constitute the corporation until the appointment in manner aforesaid of their successors; provided, however, that in the event of any vacancy occurring by death, resignation or otherwise in the membership of the corporation hereby created, the majority of the remaining members of the corporation may forthwith elect a new member to fill such vacancy until the next meeting of the aforesaid general synod. Number limited.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation shall have a president, a vice-president and a treasurer; such officers to be chosen by said corporation from their own members, at such times and for such terms as the by-laws of the corporation shall provide, and the said corporation shall have authority to appoint a secretary Proviso.

Officers.