

of failure to elect at the Fourth Quarterly Conference, then the Trustees shall hold over until their successors are elected, which may be done at any subsequent Quarterly Conference of the said church: That the object and purposes of the said Corporation or Church are to promote and encourage religious worship in the Christian religion after the usages, doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church of United States of America, and subject thereto; and to promote and aid such benevolent or charitable objects as are consistent with the Laws of this State, and the laws, discipline and regulations of the said Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States; and for the purposes aforesaid, the said Body politic shall have the power to receive grants, conveyances, devise, bequests and gifts for the use and benefit of the ministry and membership of the said Church and for benevolent objects as aforesaid; and to sell, exchange or dispose of the same and reinvest the proceeds thereof in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maryland and the laws, discipline and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church in United States, the proceeds of the said sale or exchange to be reinvested and held in trust in the same manner and to the same extent as the original gift, grant or devise was held, due care to be used at all times for the proper preserving of said trust, and executing the same in conformity with the true intent and purposes thereof as aforesaid; that in addition to such powers as are herein conferred, the said corporation shall have all such powers as are conferred upon or hereafter be conferred upon "Religious Corporations" under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Maryland.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the officers of this Corporation are a President, a Vice-president and Secretary and Treasurer, but the Secretary and Treasurer may be one and the same person, or may be the Secretary and Treasurer respectively, of the Official Board of the said Church.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 18th, 1918.