

(b) *The members of the corporation shall be the members of the Quarterly Conference.*

(c) *Trustees shall be elected by The Quarterly Conference in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline of The Methodist Church whether the church is incorporated or not, and in the case of incorporated churches the Trustees shall be the directors of the corporation.*

(d) *The by-laws of the corporation shall include the Discipline of The Methodist Church as from time to time enacted, authorized and declared by its General Conference and no other by-laws shall be adopted inconsistent with the provisions of the Discipline.*

(e) *All real, personal, and mixed property owned by any Methodist Church, including any former Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Protestant Church, or Methodist Episcopal Church, South, whether incorporated, unincorporated, or abandoned shall be held in trust by the trustees of such Church for the uses of The Methodist Church and shall be subject to the Discipline, usage, and ministerial appointments of The Methodist Church as from time to time authorized and declared by The General Conference of The Methodist Church.*

(f) *The absence of the trust clause in deeds and conveyances previously executed shall in no way exclude a local church from or relieve it of its Methodist connectional responsibilities or from the provisions of this enactment. Nor shall it absolve a local congregation or Board of Trustees of its responsibility to The Methodist Church provided that the intent and desire of the founders and/or the later congregations and Boards of Trustees is shown by any or all of the following indications: (a) the conveyance of the property to the trustees of the local Methodist church or any of its predecessors; (b) the use of the name, customs, and polity of The Methodist Church in such a way as to be thus known to the community as part of this denomination;*

(g) *The acceptance of the pastorate of ministers appointed by a bishop of The Methodist Church or employed by the superintendent of the district in which it is located.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.*

Approved April 6, 1953.