

**CHAP. 302.** aforesaid Methodist Episcopal church, and furthermore, as often as the necessity of the church, or the public good may require, the aforesaid trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church of Patapsco circuit, may purchase, or acquire by gift or otherwise, any additional lots or pieces of land, to put up any other place, church or chapel for public worship, and to hold the same as aforesaid, for public worship, and also for burying grounds; *provided*, nothing herein contained shall authorise the aforesaid trustees to interfere with the Patapsco circuit parsonage.

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Corporate powers

**SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation, and their successors, to have a common seal for their use, and the same at the will and pleasure of them and their successors, to change, alter, break, and make anew, from time to time, as they shall think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, franchises, privileges, and immunities, as by law are incident and necessary to corporations of this kind, and that the said corporation and their successors, shall be able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers, or persons whatsoever, in all actions, matters, demands, and things whatsoever.

Vacancies—  
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**SEC. 3.** *And be it enacted*, That as often as any one or more of the trustees hereinbefore mentioned, or their successors, shall die or cease to be a member or members of the said church, according to the rules and discipline of the church aforesaid, or shall move beyond the limits of said Patapsco circuit, then and in such case such individuals so removing, shall cease to be trustees, they being hereby declared incompetent to hold such trusteeship, and in such case it shall be the duty of the minister, who shall have the pastoral charge of the aforesaid Patapsco circuit for the time being, to call a meeting of the remaining trustees, as soon as conveniently may be thereafter, and when so met the said minister or preacher, shall proceed to nominate one or more person or persons to fill the place or places of him, or them whose office or offices has or have been vacated as aforesaid; *provided*, the person or persons shall have been one year a member or members of the said church, immediately preceding such nomination, and at least twenty-one years of age, and the said trustees so assembled shall proceed to elect, and by a majority of votes appoint the person or persons so nominated to fill such vacancies, in order to keep up the number of twenty-eight trustees forever, including said minister having the pastoral

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