

**CHAP. 349.** to be a corporation and body politic, by the name and style of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Parsonage of Patapsco Circuit, and by that name they shall be and are hereby made able and capable in law to have, purchase, receive, hold, possess, enjoy and retain to them, and their successors in office, the above estate, in lands, grounds, tenements and rents, in connexion with any gifts, donations or annuity, whether by purchase or devise, the same be acquired from any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same, and the same property to hold and manage for the accommodation and support of the preacher having the pastoral charge of the said circuit for the time being, appointed as aforesaid, and applied as directed by the discipline of the said church; *provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation or body politic shall not hold any estate at any time, the annual rents, profits, annuities and emoluments of which shall exceed three hundred dollars.

**Proviso**

**Common seal**

**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—  
how filled**

**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 aforesaid, or shall remove beyond the limits of said circuit, or twenty-five miles from the parsonage, then, and in such case, such individuals shall cease to be trustees, they being hereby declared incompetent to hold such trusteeship, and in such an event, 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 thereafter as conveniently may be, 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