

property hereafter devised, and to sue and be sued in any court of law or equity.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take <sup>In force.</sup> effect from and after the date of its passage.

### CHAPTER 218.

AN ACT to incorporate certain persons as trustees of <sup>Passed Mar. 10, 1856.</sup> the Methodist Episcopal Church in Princess Anne, in Somerset county, to be called the Antioch Church, and to vest the property of said church in said trustees.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That John V. Pinto, James Brittingham, Josiah S. Crockett, Alfred Whitney, William H. Fisher, William Himman, George C. Dixon, William Lecates and Seth D. Venables, together with the minister for the time being, or the senior minister when there are more than one stationed for said church and their successors in office appointed and perpetuated as hereinafter provided, shall be and they and their successors are hereby declared to be a corporation and body politic, to manage the estate, property, interest and inheritance of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Princess Anne, in Somerset county, and to have, hold, receive, acquire, and enjoy and retain all the property of every description whether real, personal or mixed, now properly belonging to the said church whether in law or equity, for the use and benefit of said church, according to the rules and discipline of the said church, and furthermore, as often as the necessity of the church or the public good may require, the aforesaid trustees may purchase or acquire by gift or otherwise any additional lots or pieces of land or other property for the use and benefit of the said church, provided the whole amount of any such additional lots or pieces of land shall not exceed five acres. <sup>Declared duly incorporated.</sup>

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That as often as one <sup>Vacancies</sup> or more of the said trustees or their successors shall <sup>filled.</sup>