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stations of the Methodist Protestant Church, in said city, and their successors, be and they are hereby incorporated and constituted a body politic, by the name, style and title of the president and directors of the book concern and periodical of the Methodist Protestant Church, and by that name shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity in the State of Maryland, or elsewhere, to make a common seal, and the same break, alter or renew at pleasure; to make and execute such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as a wise and prudent regard for the interests of the concern, shall dictate, to take, have, hold, and receive such goods, chattels, money, property and effects, of what nature or description soever, not in the aggregate to exceed at any one time, fifty thousand dollars in value, and the same to dispose of to the best advantage, and to publish or purchase and vend all such books, tracts, pamphlets, papers and periodicals as may be determined upon; the said corporation to be subject to such rules and regulations as were adopted by a convention of commissioners appointed by a majority of the several annual conferences above named, which assembled in the city of Baltimore on the 6th and 7th of June, 1855, and to such further rules and regulations as shall hereafter be adopted by conventions to be appointed and called by the said annual conferences and such other annual conferences as shall unite with them, and by resolution and patronage enter into the plan, and sustain the concern hereby incorporated, or a majority of all such conferences from time to time; that the corporators or directors above named, and their successors shall have authority to fill all vacancies in their body arising from death, resignation, or removal from the city of Baltimore, or withdrawal from, or ceasing to be a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, subject to the approval or disapproval of the Maryland annual conference at its next session, and to the appointment by that body of a member or members to fill such vacancy or vacancies; and that the two last named directors, shall retain their seats in the board, only so long as they shall continue to be the ministers in charge of said stations; and that their successors from time to time shall, in virtue of their office as ministers in charge of the said stations, respectively be entitled to seats in the board of directors of said corporation, with full rights and powers

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