

Conference" and the "Evangelical United Brethren Church" is added to reflect the recent union of those churches with the United Methodist Church.

The only other changes are in style.

5-327. ABSENCE OF TRUST CLAUSE IN DEEDS.

THE ABSENCE OF A TRUST CLAUSE IN ANY DEED OR OTHER CONVEYANCE EXECUTED BEFORE JUNE 1, 1953, DOES NOT RELIEVE OR EXCLUDE A LOCAL CHURCH IN ANY WAY FROM ITS METHODIST CONNECTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OR FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PART AND DOES NOT ABSOLVE A LOCAL CONGREGATION OR BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, IF SUCH AN INTENT OF THE FOUNDERS OR THE LATER CONGREGATIONS AND BOARDS OF TRUSTEES IS INDICATED BY:

(1) THE CONVEYANCE OF THE ASSETS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LOCAL CHURCH OR ANY OF ITS PREDECESSORS;

(2) THE USE OF THE NAME, CUSTOMS, AND POLITY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN SUCH A WAY AS TO BE KNOWN TO THE COMMUNITY AS PART OF THIS DENOMINATION; OR

(3) THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PASTORATE OF MINISTERS APPOINTED BY A BISHOP OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OR EMPLOYED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE LOCAL CHURCH IS LOCATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 23, §313(f).

For clarity, the phrase "executed before June 1, 1953" is substituted for "previously executed." This date is the effective date of Ch. 403, Acts of 1953, which first enacted this provision.

The term "assets," which is defined in §1-101 of this article, is substituted for "property."

The only other changes are in style.

5-328. ASSETS OF CERTAIN CHURCHES IN GARRETT COUNTY.

AS TO ANY LOCAL CHURCH IN GARRETT COUNTY THAT WAS AFFILIATED FORMERLY WITH THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH AND THAT WITHDRAWS FROM THE WEST VIRGINIA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE, THIS PART DOES NOT PREVENT THE LOCAL CHURCH FROM RETAINING TITLE TO ANY ASSETS CONTROLLED BY IT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 23, §313(g).