Reisterstown United Methodist Church
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Asbury Chapel Act of Incorporation

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an act of Incorporation of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Town of Reisterstown in the County of Baltimore and State of Maryland.

Fifteenth March

To all whom these presents shall come:

Know ye, that we, members of the Methodist Church above the age of twenty-one years, and residing within the Town and neighborhood of Reisterstown in the County, and State of Maryland, and attached to the Congregation of Church Committee, called and known by the Asbury Chapel, being desirous of electing certain of their Members to constitute a body politic, under and in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, entitled, An Act to incorporate certain persons in every Christian church of Congregational in the State and of the County thereof, and assemble together on the 11th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, at the Asbury Chapel in the town of Reisterstown (being the place ordinarily used for public Meetings of said Church) agreeably to public notice given the preceding Sabbath, and by Rev. Robert Caddow, the assistant Rector having the Charge of the said Congregation, did and did accordingly, do concur in the Common usage of the Church by ballot the following five, viz. five and (five) persons, viz. John Summell, John John, John Beckley, John Delagosth, and another Hill, to act as Trustees; and
Churches, together with the said Robert Saddler, of the Ministry for the time being, regularly appointed according to the rules and discipline which may from time to time be agreed upon and adopted by the ministers and moverers of the said Church at their General Conference in the United States of America, having the pastoral charge, to be a body politic or corporate, by the name, style and title of the Trustees of the Asbury Chapel in Eclectic Street for the use of the ministers and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and by the said name, to have perpetual succession and to be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, own lands and be capable in any court of law or equity in this State and elsewhere, and to make and have a common seal, and to have power to make, alter or rescind all by-laws and the said trustees and the said members and thus and there agree upon the plan of perpetuating the succession of the said Trustees and of ascertaining the proper qualifications and establish the articles of plan hereafter mentioned to wit—

First: That whenever a vacancy or vacancies shall happen either by death, resignation, removal, or ceasing to be a member or members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, according to the rules and discipline of said Church, then and in such case it shall be the duty of the General Minister or Preacher in Charge to call meetings...
Vastoral or weight, as aforesaid, to call a meeting of the remaining trustees, as soon as conveniently may be, and when so called, the said minister or preacher, shall proceed to nominate one or more persons, to fill the place or places of him or them, whose offices or offices as or have been vacated as aforesaid. And the said trustees be assembled, shall proceed to elect and and by a majority of votes, appoint the person or persons so nominated to fill such vacancy or vacancies in order to keep up the number of five trustees forever, and in case of an equal number of votes for and against said nomination, the said minister or preacher as president shall have the casting vote.

Secondly, no person shall be eligible as trustee except he has been a member of the body at least one year next preceding the holding and adoption the age of twenty-five years.

Thirdly, that all lands and tenements with their appurtenances now vested in the trustees, as aforesaid, for the use of the said church and all other property of the said church which may be vested in said corporate body and their successors forever shall be under their control and the said corporation with the consent and approval of two-thirds of the male members over the age of twenty-one years, which shall attend a meeting after being duly notified the proceeding shall all on.
Church or place of meeting for that purpose shall and they can hire by deeds of conveyance and selling leasing and conveying or making any disposition of any part of the said property or any other property which may hereafter be acquired by the said Corporation in as full and effectual a manner as any person or body Politic or Corporate may or can do.

Fourth

That all acts and deeds of the said Corporation shall be signed by the President in behalf of the Corporation and sealed with the Corporation seal and all deeds for the conveyance of any lands and estates of the Corporation which by the law of the land or that to be acknowledged and recorded shall be signed and sealed as aforesaid and shall be acknowledged in due form by the President as such in behalf of the Corporation and all acts or deeds of the said body Corporate so authenticated shall be deemed Valid.

Fifth

That at all meetings of the Corporation the minister having the pastoral charge for the time being shall be the President and in case of the absence or death of the Minister the corporators of the Corporation may appoint one of their own body President Pro Tempore who shall have all authority and privileges of the President during such absence or in case of death until the appointment of another Minister.
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be regularly authorized and appointed under the discipline of the church to receive and disburse the funds of the church.

Eight.

That no additions, alterations or amendments shall be made in the foregoing acts or any of them, except by two-thirds of the members of the above twenty-one years, which shall be present at a meeting called for the purpose and they are hereby declared capable of making such additions, alterations and amendments in amending the minister and trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the congregation of Eastbury Chapel in Newington and neighborhood do hereby declare that the foregoing proceedings herein mentioned and alluded to have been duly and legally executed according to law and the discipline of the church.

In the name hereof we have hereunto subscribed our names.

[Signature]
Amended Charter

Know all Men by these Presents

That at a meeting of the Male Members of the Actuary Chapel Bunker
sum of the Methedist Episcopal Church

of twenty one years of age and upwards

called for the purpose of making said
alterations and amendments to the

original plan or charter of said

Church as adopted on the eleventh
day of March a.d. 1833 and recorded
among the Charter Records of Bath to
in Liber a. 2. 1p. 265 folio 262 in said
actuary chapel being the place
ordinarily used for public meeting
of said Church on the fifteenth day

of December a.d. 1883, accordingly to

notice published in said Church on
the preceding Sabbath, the following

changes, alterations, and amendments
were adopted to said original plan

or charter: two thirds of said male

members present at said meeting con-

sidered therein to wit.

First. That the said original plan be

amended and that the number of trustees
be increased to seven in place of

five as provided in said original

charter or plan, and being duly elected

trustees shall together with the minister

of said church as provided by laws of

the state of Maryland constitute trustees

of said church, until the ensuing fourth

quarterly conference and until then success-

ively are duly elected as hereinafter provided

Second. That article first of said original plan,
or charter to and is hereby amended so as to read as follows viz: "That each and every said Quarterly Conference shall make nominations and the said annually as follows viz: The Preacher or Minister in charge of said church shall at every quarterly Quarterly Conference nominate the names of seven persons, each of whom shall be at least twenty-one years of age and two thirds of whom shall be members of this Methodist Episcopal Church, and the said Quarterly Conference shall proceed to an election by ballot and all of said persons so nominated receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected trustees and if any one or more of said seven persons nominated above or under said ballot fail to receive a majority of the votes cast as aforesaid said Preacher or Minister aforesaid shall again nominate the names of as many persons of like qualifications as shall have failed to receive a majority of the votes cast as aforesaid and the said Quarterly Conference shall again vote by ballot and the person or persons receiving the majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected and so on until seven persons are elected who with the Minister in Quarterly appointed shall constitute the trustees of said church until the ensuing quarterly Quarterly Conference and until their successors are duly elected and in case of a vacancy occurring from any cause in said board of trustees said vacancy shall
be filled by the first Quarterly Conference after
such Vacancy shall occur, by the same manner as
prescribed for the election of Trustees.

Of for any cause there shall be a failure
to elect Trustees at the first Quarterly Con-
ference aforesaid a subsequent Quarterly Con-
ference may elect according to the mode above
prescribed.

Third.

That Article 11 of said Original
Plan or Charter be and is hereby
stricken out.

Fourth.

That Article 21 of said Original
Plan or Charter be, and the same is
hereby amended to read as follows:

viz: - Article 11. That all lands and
improvements, goods and chattels now vested in Trustees for
the use of said Church and all other property
belonging to the same, or that may hereafter
belong to the same, shall be vested in
said Corporation and their successors
forever, and the said Corporation with
the consent and approval of two thirds
of the members of said Church above the
age of twenty one years, who shall attend
a meeting after due notice of the same,
is given, can appropriate that part of the
Church for the purpose, and not other
wise, shall have power and be capable
of bargaining, selling, leasing, mortgag-
ing and conveying in the mode prescribed
in said Original Plan or Charter or any
other disposition of said property or any
part thereof as fully and effectively as any
person or corporation may, or said Co.,

Note:
That Article 8 of said Original Plan or Charter be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows viz.: Article 8 that no additions, alterations or amendments shall be made in the foregoing Articles or any of them except by the concurrence of two-thirds of the Members of Said Church of the age of twenty one years which shall be present at a meeting called for that purpose as aforesaid and they are hereby declared capable of making such additions, alterations and amendments.

First.
That said Original plan or Charter except as hereinbefore changed added to or amended be and the same is hereby continued as the plan or agreement or Charter of Said Church and be and remain in full force and effect.

In the handwriting, being the Minister of said Actory Chapel in Restitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church duly appointed.

And the Trustees, duly elected as aforesaid by the same, hereby certify that the proceedings hereinbefore referred to, took place and were held in accordance with the plan or Charter of said corporation as adopted by said Church on the 11th day of March, A.D. 1839 and in conformity with the act of the General Assembly of Maryland. Witness our hands and seals.

This 15th day of February A.D. 1889.

Esq[ue]in Richards.
J. M. Pendleton King.
J. B. Morrison, Esq.
E. I. Church.

At la Logans.
L. Smith. Orrick.
State of Maryland

Baltimore County

we hereby certify that on this ninth day of February in the eighteenth hundred and eighty-nine, before the Subscribers two Justices of the Peace, of the State of Maryland in and for Baltimore county, as follows: Personally appeared Ezekiel Richardson, A. McTwand, Kemp, William McTwand, Geo. C. L. Church, A. M. Gore, J. E. Gore, J. G. Enaugh, Williams, Moran.

The above named Justice and one other acknowledged the foregoing instrument of writing to be their signature, date and seal.

James L. Spasset, Crick, J. P.