

**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.

Passed March

To all whom these presents shall come
greeting, Know ye, that male members of
the M E C - above the age of twenty one
years, and residing within the town and
neighbourhood of Reisterstown, in the
County and State aforesaid, and
attached to the Congregation or Church
Commonly Called, and known by the name of
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 in-
corporate certain persons in every
Christian Church, or Congregation in
this State and of the Supplement
thereto, did 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
the Rev Robert Gadden, the assistant Minister
having the charge of the said Congregation
did duly elect according to law, and the
Common usage of the Church by ballot
the following five. Sober and discreet
persons, to wit, John Sumall, ^{Dwyer} John Dwyer,
John Beckley, John Hollingsworth, and
another still, to act as Trustees of said

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Church together with the said Robert
Cadden, or the Minister 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 Preachers of the
said Church at their General Conferences
in the United States of America
having the Pastoral Charge, to be a
body Politic or Corporate, by the names,
style and title of the Trustees of the
Asbury Chapel in Reisterstown for the
use of the Ministers and members of the
Methodist Episcopal Church, and by the
same name to have perpetual succession
and be able and Capable in Law to sue
and to be sued, unplead, and be implead
in any Court of Law or equity in this
State and elsewhere, and to make and
have a Common Seal, and the same
to break, alter or reserve at pleasure,
and the said members did then and
there agree upon the plan of perpetuating
the succession of the said Trustees
and of ascertaining the proper qualifications
and establish the articles or plan hereinafter
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
Stationed Minister, or Preacher
in Charge who shall have the

Pastoral oversight, as aforesaid to call a meeting of the remaining Trustees, as soon as conveniently may be, and when so met the said Minister or Preacher, shall proceed to nominate
 X one or more persons, to fill the place or places of him or them, whose office or offices has or have been vacated as aforesaid, and the said Trustees so 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 for ever, and in case of an equal number of votes for and against said nomination, the
 X said Minister or Preacher, as President shall have the Casting vote.
Secondly,

X No person shall be eligible as Trustee except he has been a member of the Church at least one year next preceeding the election and above the age of twenty five years
Thirdly,

X That all lands and Tenements with their appurtenances now vested in the Trustees, as above named 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 approbation
 X of two thirds of the male members above the age of twenty one years, which shall attend a meeting after being duly notified the preceeding Sabbath or

Church or place of meeting for that purpose shall and they are hereby declared Capable of bargaining 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 Politics or Corporate may or can do

Fourth

That all acts and deeds of this said Corporation shall be signed by the President in behalf of the Corporation and sealed with this Corporation seal, and all deeds for the Conveyance of any lands and Testaments of the Corporation which by the Law of the Land or that to be acknowledge and recorded, shall be signed and sealed as aforesaid, and shall also 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.

h.B X 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 lay members of the Corporation may appoint one of their own body President Pro-Temp who shall have all authority and privileges of the President during such absence, or in case of death until the appointment of another minister.

Sixth

That the powers and authorities hereby given or intended to given to the Trustees aforesaid or their Successors shall not be understood taken or Construed in any wise to prohibit prevent or take from the minister or Minister of the Church for the time being and authorized and appointed agreeably to the discipline of said Church as aforesaid the use and enjoyment of the Church that now does or shall in future belongs the said Corporation, but that the same shall be and continue hereafter to be had used and enjoyed by them as heretofore and by other ministers and Preachers duly authorized by the discipline of said Church as aforesaid with the consent of the Minister who shall have the Pastoral Charge as aforesaid for the time being and by no other person or persons, whatever, unless by particular Licence, and consent of a majority of two thirds of the Trustees regularly convened for the purpose.

Seventh

That the powers and authorities hereby given or intended to be given to the Trustees aforesaid or their Successors, shall not be understood taken or Construed in any wise to interfere with the economy of the Church in the Current receipts and disbursements of the Current and usual expenses of the Church, but it is hereby determined and expressly declared that the Current receipts and the Current disbursements of the funds of the Church shall be under the Control and sole management of those persons who may from time to time

be regularly authorized and appointed under the discipline of the church aforesaid to receive and disburse the funds of the Church,

Eight.

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 male members of the age of twenty one years, which shall be present at a meeting called as aforesaid for the purpose and they are hereby declared capable of making such additions and alterations and amendments; We the Minister and Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Congregation of Astbury Chapel in Ryelestown and neighborhood do hereby declare that the foregoing proceedings herein mentioned and attended to have been duly and legally conducted according to Law and the Discipline of ~~the~~ our Church

In testimony hereof we have hereto subscribed our names

Know all men by these Presents
That at a meeting of the male
members of the Asbury Chapel in Reston
= town of the Methodist Episcopal Church
of twenty one years of age and upwards
called for the purpose of making such
alterations and amendments in 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 Baltimore
in Liber A. D. No. 50 folio 262 held in
said Asbury Chapel being the place
ordinarily used for public meetings
of said Church, on the fifteenth day
of December A.D. 1888, agreeably to
a 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-
= ccurring therein to wit.
First.

That the said original Plan be so
amended that the number of Trustees
x be increased to seven in stead 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 the Trustees
of said Church until the ensuing fourth
quarterly Conference, and until their suc-
= cessors are duly elected as hereinafter provided
Second

That article first of said original plan

or Charter be and is hereby amended so as
 to read as follows viz: Article 1st That from and
 after said fourth Quarterly Conference the
 Trustees of said Church shall be nominated and
 elected annually as follows viz: - The Preacher
 or Minister in charge of said Church shall
 at every fourth Quarterly Conference nom-
 inate to said Quarterly Conference the names
 of seven persons, each of whom shall be at
 least twenty one years of age, and two thirds
 whom shall be members of the 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 votes cast shall be declared
 elected Trustees, and if any one or more
 of said seven persons nominated as afore-
 said shall fail to receive a majority of
 the votes cast as aforesaid, the Preacher
 or Minister aforesaid shall again nom-
 inate to said Quarterly Conference, the names
 of as many persons of like qualifications
 as shall have failed to receive a major-
 ity of votes cast as aforesaid, or may re-nom-
 inate the said persons failing 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
 a majority of the votes cast shall be declared
 elected, and so on until seven persons are
 elected who with the Minister in charge duly
 appointed shall constitute the Trustees of the
 said Church until the ensuing fourth
 Quarterly Conference and until their suc-
 cessors 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
 X such vacancy shall occur by the mode herein before
 prescribed for the election of Trustees.

Of for any cause there should be a failure
 to elect Trustees at the fourth Quarterly Con=
 =ference aforesaid a subsequent Quarterly Con=
 X =ference may elect according to the mode above
 described.....

third.

That Article II. of said Original
 Plan or Charter be and is hereby
 Stricken out - member one year

Fourth

That Article 3rd of said Original
 Plan or Charter be and the same is
 hereby amended to read as follows
 Viz:- Article III. That all lands and Tenements
 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
 X the consent and approval of two thirds
 X 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 on the preceding Sabbath in the
 Church for that purpose, and not other
 wise, shall have power and be capable
 of bargaining selling leasing mortga=
 =ging and conveying in the mode prescribed
 in said original Plan or Charter or making
 any other disposition of said property or any
 part thereof as fully and effectually as any
 person or Corporation may or law do.

not made

art. fourth

x not made

That Article 8th of said Original Plan or Charter be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows viz: Article 8th 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.

Fifth.

That said Original plan or charter except as heretofore 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.

We the undersigned, being the Minister of said Asbury Chapel in Reisterstown of the Methodist Episcopal Church duly appointed

And

the Trustees, duly elected as aforesaid hereby Certify that the proceedings herinbefore 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. 1833 and in conformity with the act of the General Assembly of Maryland witness our hands and seals this ninth day of February A.D. 1889

Test-

A. L. Logsdon.
J. Smith. Orrick.

Ezekiel Richardson
J. M. Kendra Keip
M. M. Kendra Gore
E. J. Church

A. M. Gore,
 Jay Gore
 J. B. Ebaugh
 Wm Moran

Seal

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State of Maryland

Baltimore County to wit:
 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 aforesaid, Personally
 appeared Ezekiel Richardson, J. M. Kendrew,
 Kemp, William M. Kendrew Gore, E. J. Church,
 A. M. Gore, Jay Gore, J. B. Ebaugh, William,
 Moran.

The above named Trustees, and
 severally acknowledged the foregoing instrument
 of writing to be their respective act and deed.

Timrod Logsdon J.P.
 J. Smith Orrick J.P.