Reisterstown United Methodist Church
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Wesley Chapel By Laws

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By Laws of the Trussed Wesley Chapel

Whereas it was regulated to secure harmony
in their acts, the laws are essential.

And whereas by an act of the General
Assembly of Maryland passed March 25th 1867 did incorporate
as a body politic the following named persons as trustees of "Wesley
Chapel, Episcopal Methodist Church (South) at Reisterstown, Baltimore,
county—William Dewey, Johny Gardner, John L. Brinton,
Thomas K. Haughey, Elias Stockdale, John J. Gore, Daniel
S. Banks and Andrew Banks—and by the same name to have
perpetual succession and be able and capable to sue and be sued
inplead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity in this
State or elsewhere, and to make and have a common seal, and to
name to break alter or renew at pleasure—and the said members
said then and there agree upon the plan of perpetuating the succession
of said trustees, and of ascertaining the proper qualifications
and establish the Articles or plan herein after mentioned

To Wit—Sec. 1. Whenever a Vacancy or Vacancies shall happen
by death, resignation, removal or ceasing to be a member of the
Episcopal Methodist Church (South) according to the rules and
description 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 conveniently as may be and choose to meet—the minister or
preacher shall proceed to nominate one or more person or persons
for all the places or places of his or them, whose office or offices have or have
been vacated as aforesaid. And the said trustees so assembled
shall proceed to elect and by a majority of votes appoint the persons so
as thus nominated to fill such vacancies in Vacancies in order to keep up the
Number of eight (8) trustees forever.