

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCHES (EXCERPT)
Act 11 of 1899

458.27 Powers of corporation and board of trustees; rights of ministers and presiding elders.

Sec. 7. Said corporation may have a seal and alter the same at pleasure; it may in its corporate name sue and be sued in all courts and places; it shall have power to acquire, hold, sell and convey property, both real and personal, in accordance with this act, and it may recover and hold the debts, demands, rights, privileges and all property, whether real or personal, of whatsoever sort it may be, belonging or appertaining to said church, in whatever manner the same may have been acquired, and in whose hands soever the same may be held, the same as if the right and title had originally been vested in said corporation. The board of trustees may authorize certain of the officers of said board to affix the corporate name and the seal of the corporation, and to execute and attest conveyances, notes, obligations, acquittances and all other necessary legal documents. It may sell, mortgage and dispose of its personal property; and may mortgage and incumber its real estate, but not for the current expenses of the church. It may hold so much land as may be needful for the proper purposes of said church and its parsonage. Said corporation shall at all times permit such ministers, belonging to the Methodist Episcopal church, as shall from time to time be duly authorized by the general conference of said church, or by the annual conference within whose bounds the said corporation may be, to preach and expound God's holy word therein; and shall permit pastors and presiding elders, duly appointed to execute the discipline of said Methodist Episcopal church, to administer the sacraments therein.

History: 1899, Act 11, Imd. Eff. Mar. 2, 1899;—CL 1915, 10921;—CL 1929, 10852;—CL 1948, 458.27.