

' Community known by the name of *The Wesleyan Methodist Church in New Brunswick*, under the pastoral care and direction of Ministers of the Gospel in connection with the British Conference, as known and defined by a certain deed, poll or instrument in writing under the hand and seal of the Reverend John Wesley, bearing date on or about the twenty eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four, and enrolled in Her Majesty's High Court of Chancery on or about the ninth day of March in the year last aforesaid; the Ministers and Members of which Church are in connection with and are governed and directed by the rules and usages made or sanctioned from time to time by the said Conference: And whereas for the more beneficial and effectual exercise of pastoral supervision by the Ministers, and for the better and more effectual administration of the discipline of the Church, the Province, or part thereof occupied by such Ministers, is divided into Sections called Circuits, and the Classes, Societies and Congregations within each Circuit respectively, are placed from year to year under the pastoral care of one or more of the Ministers appointed to such Circuit by or by authority of the Conference, and one of whom so appointed to each Circuit is called the Superintendent thereof; and in each of such Circuits certain persons are from time to time appointed, according to such rules and usages, to the offices of Circuit Stewards, to assist in managing the financial affairs of such Circuits; and certain persons are from time to time appointed or recognized, according to such rules and usages, as Trustees of Chapels, or Mission Houses, or Burial Grounds, or other lands or property required for the use of the Church within the Circuits respectively: And whereas for the more convenient regulation of the affairs of the Church, a number of such Circuits are associated together by authority of the said Conference, and every such association of such Circuits is called a District, and a yearly assembly of the Ministers in every such District is held, and called the District Meeting of the business of which is generally presided over by one of the Ministers who is called the Chairman of the District and the general Superintendent of Missions therein, and who is appointed to his office by the Conference: And whereas it is necessary that greater facilities should be enjoyed by the Church for holding, possessing and using lands and other property for the support of Public Worship, and for the propagation of Christian Knowledge, and for the constituting and managing of the funds and institutions for the several and general religious and benevolent objects of the Church: And whereas at sundry times heretofore, lands and other property have been conveyed by devise, or by deeds of gift, or by deeds of bargain and sale, or by other deeds or instruments, to the Church Officers, or other parties named or signified in such deeds or instruments or devises, in trust for the use and benefit of the Church, some of which deeds or instruments or devises are defective, as not containing necessary directions for the appointment of successors for the trusts respectively created, or as being in other respects not accordant with such rules and usages, from which defectiveness inconveniences have arisen or are liable to arise, which it is necessary to remedy, and in the future to prevent;

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly as follows:—

1. Each Board of Trustees of any Chapel, Mission House, Burial Ground, School House, or other property held in trust for the use and benefit of such Church in connection with the said Conference, and their successors, and each Board of Trustees to be hereafter appointed, according to the rules and usages for such purposes, and their successors, shall be a Body Corporate, having perpetual succession by the name of *The Trustees of the Wesleyan Chapel*, or Burial Ground, or other property, as the case may be, in the place in which the trust property shall be situated, or by such other name as is or shall be mentioned in the Trust Deed or other act or instrument by which the Trusts respectively are or shall be created.

2. The Wesleyan Methodist Ministers now constituting any such District Meeting, and their successors, and any others who shall be hereafter by authority of the Conference, constituted a District Meeting, and their successors, shall be a Body Corporate, having perpetual succession by the name of *The District Meeting of the District*, as the case may be.

3. Each and every of the Corporation of Trustees hereby constituted or to be hereafter constituted by virtue hereof, shall be capable of taking, holding and possessing lands, tenements, moneys, and other property heretofore conveyed to them or which shall be hereafter conveyed for the use and benefit of such

Existence of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in New Brunswick;

Circuits, Classes, Societies and Congregations;

Circuit Stewards;

Trustees of Chapels, &c.

Districts.

Necessity of greater facilities.

Inconvenience of defective titles to property.

Each Board of Trustees incorporated.

The Ministers constituting a District Meeting incorporated.

Power of Corporation of Trustees to hold land, sue, &c.