

## Act of Incorporation

**An Act** to incorporate Holston Presbytery; to repeal the act passed Feb 25 6, ch 79; to amend the charter of the Tennessee Female College; to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Advent; to incorporate the Christianburg United Baptist Church; to incorporate Edgefield Cemetery; to incorporate the Wardens and Vestrymen of Christ Church; and to incorporate the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee.

**Section 1** Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee; that Francis McCorkle, Danl. Rogan, Jno R. King, Rufus P. Wells, E.T. Brantley, Nathan Lyons, S.A. Rhea, J.B. Logan, A.A. Blair, Jona M. Huffmeister, Ministers of Holston Presbytery, and such others as may join said Presbytery and their successors elected according to the Constitution and forms of government of said church and the representatives of the following churches, to wit: Mt. Zion, Timber Ridge, Kingsport, Cold Spring, Pleasant Grove, Jonesboro, Mt. Lebanon, Rogersville, Blountville, New Bethel, Liberty Hill, New Salem, Meadow Creek, Greenville, Mt. Carmel, Mooresburg, Elizabethtown, New Providence and such other churches as may be received by said Presbytery, and their successors representing said churches, be, and the same are constituted a body politic and corporate by the name and style of Holston Presbytery, with power to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, in all kinds of suits and actions generally in anything pertaining to the interests of said Presbytery; and to have succession for fifty years.

**Section 2** Be it further enacted; That said corporation shall have power to receive by gift, donation, or purchase any notes, funds, personal or real estate or mixed property and to sell, exchange, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the same in the judgment of the said Presbytery may best subserve the interests of said Presbytery.

**Section 3** Be it further enacted; That said corporation shall have power to provide for the election of representatives from its several churches, to determine and to fill vacancies, and to make its own rules for the reception of ministers and churches, and also for such other purposes as they may deem proper so that the same be done according to the constitution and form of government of the Presbyterian church.

**Section 4** Be it further enacted; That an act passed 25<sup>th</sup> of February 1856, chapter 79, entitled an act to protect the lay members of all ecclesiastical denominations against the domination of the Clergy, be and the same is hereby repealed.

**Section 5** Be it further enacted; That the charter of the Tennessee Female College be so amended as that the polls for the election of Trustees shall be opened at 10 o'clock A.M. and closed at 12 M., on the day specified by notice as prescribed in said charter.

**Section 6** Be it further enacted; That James B. Craighead, John Roberts, Wm. M. Reckless, Wm. E. Owen, Thos. B. Eastland, Jr., and their successors in office be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the "Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Advent," at Nashville, Tennessee, with power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered in all kinds of suits and

actions and to do and perform all other acts and things which bodies corporate may lawfully do. That the corporation shall have power to receive by gift, donation, or purchase and to hold personal, real and mixed property, to sell, exchange, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the same as in their judgment may best subserve the interests of said church. That said Board shall be empowered to do all acts and things to pass all bylaws which may be necessary to the carrying out the objects of the corporation; provided, none of said acts, bylaws, and regulations be inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the State. That a majority of said Board of Wardens and Vestrymen shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

**Section 7** Be it further enacted; That David P. Walker, Thos. Stephens, Jno. A. Rowan, Jos. Walker, Jno. Hightower, and Geo. Stephens and their successors in office be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the Trustees of "Christianburg United Baptist Church," on Fork Creek in Monroe County, Tennessee, with power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, in all kinds of suits and actions, and to do and perform all other acts and things which bodies corporate may lawfully do; and to have power to receive by gift, donation or purchase; and to hold personal, real, or mixed property; to sell, exchange, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the same as in their judgment may best subserve the interests of said church. That said Board shall have power to make all necessary bylaws, rules, and regulations, for their own government; to choose their own offices in such manner as the said Board shall prescribe; the mode in which their successors shall be chosen; to fill vacancies; and such other acts and things as may be necessary and proper to the carrying out the objects of this corporation;

provided, none of their bylaws, rules, and regulations shall be inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of this State.

**Section 8** Be it further enacted; That Neil S. Brown, A.N.S. Lindsley, J.B. White, W.L. Foster, Nicholas Hobson, and T.B. Hamber, their associates and successors be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the Edgefield Cemetery Company; to have perpetual succession; may sue and be sued; contract and be contracted with; plead and be impleaded; defend and be defended in all courts of law; may have a common seal which they may change or alter at pleasure; may establish such bylaws, rules, and regulations as they deem proper for the government of said corporation; provided that the same shall be consistent with this charter and the laws of this State and the constitution and laws of the United States. That said corporation shall have power to purchase and hold a tract or tracts of land not exceeding two hundred acres to be located on the north side of Cumberland River, not more than five miles from the city of Nashville, to be used as a Cemetery or burying ground forever. That all the powers, benefits, privileges and immunities conferred upon the Mt. Olivet Cemetery by an Act passed Feb 18th 1836, be and the same are hereby conferred upon the Edgefield Cemetery Company.

**Section 9** Be it further enacted; That Francis B. Fogg, Jno Shelby, Mathew Watson, Russell Houston, James Bankhead, Jno B. Johnson, G.M. Fogg, and their successors in office be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the "Wardens and Vestrymen of Christ Church" at Nashville Tennessee, with all the powers, rights, and privileges by this Act, conferred upon the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Advent at Nashville.

**Section 10** Be it further enacted; That the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee, is hereby incorporated; and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and hold property real, personal, and mixed, by grant, donation, or otherwise; and said corporation shall have the same privileges and powers as are conferred upon the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, by an Act of February 17th 1854, ch 282, entitled an act to incorporate "The Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Tennessee District."

**Section 11** Be it further enacted, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed March 15, 1858

Correctly enrolled  
H. Denton, Chairman

Daniel L. Donelson  
Speaker of the House  
of Representatives

Jno. C. Burch  
Speaker of the Senate