

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATIONS KNOWN AS THE CENTER METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SOCIETY IN FAIRHAVEN, AND THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN FAIRHAVEN, AND A CONVEYANCE OF THE PROPERTY OF EACH CORPORATION TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS.

*Chap. 437*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. The Center Methodist Episcopal Church and Society in Fairhaven, a religious corporation located at Fairhaven in the county of Bristol, organized in May, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, for the purpose of organizing into a corporation the proprietors and owners of pews in a meeting house and of the land connected therewith, known as the meeting house of the Centre Church and Society in said Fairhaven, is hereby authorized to convey to the Trustees of the Centre Methodist Episcopal Church of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, a religious corporation subject to the discipline and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church also located in Fairhaven, all the real estate and other property of the first named corporation now held by the members thereof, and by its board of trustees in its behalf, as pew holders or as tenants in common thereof, by a deed of conveyance to be authorized by a three fourths vote of the members of said corporation present and voting at a meeting called for that purpose by publishing a notice thereof once a week for four successive weeks in a newspaper published in said Fairhaven, and by posting a copy of the notice on the outer door of the meeting house of said corporation at least fourteen days prior to the date of the meeting. Such conveyance to be valid shall be approved by a majority vote of the members of the quarterly conference of the Centre Methodist Episcopal Church of Fairhaven, present and voting at a conference held prior to or within three months after the date of posting said notice, and shall be accepted by a three fourths vote of the members of the Trustees of the Centre Methodist Episcopal Church of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, at a meeting thereof authorizing its acceptance in writing in behalf of the corporation upon the conditions set forth in this act. Upon the execution of such conveyance, and the recording

The Center Methodist Episcopal Church and Society in Fairhaven may convey property to the Trustees of the Centre Methodist Episcopal Church of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, etc.

The Center Methodist Episcopal

Church and Society in Fairhaven to be dissolved, etc.

thereof in the registry of deeds for the southern district of the county of Bristol, the said corporation of The Center Methodist Episcopal Church and Society in Fairhaven shall thereby be dissolved, and all the real estate and personal property of The Center Methodist Episcopal Church and Society in Fairhaven, and all of that which formerly belonged to the earlier religious society known as the Center Church and Society, in Fairhaven, and which society was succeeded by the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Fairhaven, shall be vested in the Trustees of the Centre Methodist Episcopal Church of Fairhaven, Massachusetts; and said last named corporation shall thereby assume all the liabilities and obligations of The Center Methodist Episcopal Church and Society in Fairhaven.

Persons aggrieved may apply for a jury to determine damages.

SECTION 2. Any person aggrieved by the provisions of this act may at any time within six months after the conveyance aforesaid has been duly recorded apply by petition to the superior court for the county of Bristol to have his damages determined by a jury therein, or by or under the direction of said court; and all damages so awarded, with the costs of suit allowed by statute in civil actions, attending such award, shall be paid by the Trustees of the Centre Methodist Episcopal Church of Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

Trustees of Methodist Episcopal Church in Fairhaven to be dissolved.

SECTION 3. Upon the recording of the conveyance in said registry said Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Fairhaven, a religious corporation located at said Fairhaven, which was organized March thirty, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, and of which corporation the Trustees of the Centre Methodist Episcopal Church of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, is the successor, shall thereby be dissolved.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved June 8, 1904.*

*Chap. 438* AN ACT TO APPORTION AND ASSESS A STATE TAX OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

State tax apportioned and assessed.

SECTION 1. Each city and town in this Commonwealth shall be assessed and pay the sum with which it stands charged in the following schedule, that is to say: —