

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, November 8, 1927.

To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives.

In accordance with the provisions of section 7 of chapter 3 of the General Laws there is transmitted you herewith a petition of the Massachusetts Missionary Society. This corporation was established by chapter 52 of the Acts of 1808 and consequently is not subject to any general laws governing similar corporations subsequently enacted.

The petition requests the right to change its name and to broaden its purpose in order to take over the activities of an unincorporated society with which it is more or less affiliated in religious work. It has already the power to hold property not exceeding in amount the sum of \$5,000,000. It now requests that that sum be in addition to any sums to be held in trust for any of the purposes which it may exercise.

Special legislation is required to accomplish these powers.

No fee is required.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY F. LONG,
Commissioner.

Accompanying the petition of Frederick Harlan Page, president, and others for an enlargement of the powers of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society. Mercantile Affairs. Nov. 9, 1927.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight.

An Act amending the Charter of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter fifty-two of the acts of
2 eighteen hundred and eight, as affected by chapter
3 thirty-five of the acts of eighteen hundred and twenty-
4 three, by chapter fourteen of the acts of eighteen
5 hundred and forty-four, by chapter one hundred and
6 nineteen of the acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-
7 six and by chapter eighty-one of the acts of nineteen
8 hundred and twenty-four and as amended by said
9 chapter eighty-one, is hereby further amended by
10 striking out sections one, two and three and inserting
11 in place thereof the following:—

12 *Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of*
13 *Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the*
14 *authority of the same: That the Rev. Daniel Hopkins,*
15 *the Rev. Samuel Spring, Mr. Henry Gray, the Rev.*
16 *Samuel Niles and the Rev. Joseph Barker, with their*
17 *associates and successors, for the purpose of diffusing*

18 the knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ among
19 the heathen and others in remote and destitute places,
20 also for the purposes of facilitating intercourse and
21 fellowship between the Congregational churches and
22 ministers of the commonwealth, of effecting coopera-
23 tion between these churches for their mutual edifica-
24 tion, of promoting their general missionary and
25 benevolent activities and providing instrumentalities
26 for the same, of affording opportunity for the presen-
27 tation and discussion of matters affecting the interests
28 of these churches and of the Congregational de-
29 nomination at large and of acting in concert with other
30 ecclesiastical bodies for the general increase of Chris-
31 tian union and spiritual efficiency and the advance-
32 ment of Christ's kingdom on the earth, be and they
33 are hereby incorporated and made a body politic and
34 corporate for the purposes aforesaid by the name of
35 Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Mis-
36 sionary Society; may sue and be sued, plead and be
37 impleaded, appear, prosecute and defend to final
38 judgment and execution, and may have a common
39 seal which they may break, change, alter or renew at
40 pleasure.

41 *Section 2. Be it further enacted:* That the said cor-
42 poration may take and hold by donation, bequest or
43 otherwise real and personal property to an amount
44 not exceeding five million dollars and may in addition
45 take and hold in trust for any of the purposes specified
46 in the first section of this act or for any purpose ger-
47 mane thereto any real or personal property which may
48 be given, bequeathed or otherwise conveyed or trans-
49 ferred to them upon such trusts. The said corporation
50 shall be eligible to appointment as trustee under any
51 written instrument whereby any trust for any of the

52 purposes specified in the first section of this act or for
53 any purpose germane thereto is created or established.
54 *Section 3. Be it further enacted:* That the said cor-
55 poration may choose by ballot at their annual meet-
56 ings a president, secretary, treasurer, and such num-
57 ber of trustees as they may think proper, and such
58 other officers as they shall judge necessary. Persons
59 chosen as trustees (other than those persons, if any,
60 whom the said corporation may by their by-laws
61 designate as trustees ex officio) shall hold office for such
62 time, not exceeding five years, as the corporation by
63 their by-laws may from time to time provide and all
64 other officers shall hold office for one year. The said
65 corporation may by their by-laws provide that their
66 meetings shall be presided over by a moderator, to
67 be chosen in such manner as they may from time to
68 time determine, and may further provide by their
69 by-laws that the ministers of Congregational churches
70 in the commonwealth and delegates appointed by
71 such churches and other religious organizations may
72 be members of the said corporation for the time being
73 upon such conditions and subject to such regulations
74 as the said corporation may establish. All of the
75 officers of the said corporation, when chosen, may
76 hold their offices until others are chosen in thir stead.
77 Any vacancy in such offices shall be filled in such
78 manner as the corporation may by their by-laws
79 determine.

1 SECTION 2. Any devise, bequest, gift or grant
2 contained in any will or other instrument in trust or
3 otherwise made before or after the passage of this
4 act to the said corporation by the name of "Massa-
5 chusetts Missionary Society" or "Massachusetts

6 Home Missionary Society" shall inure to their
7 benefit to the same extent as if made to them by the
8 name of "Massachusetts Congregational Conference
9 and Missionary Society."

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its ac-
2 ceptance by the said corporation at an annual meeting
3 or at a special meeting duly called for the purpose,
4 provided that such acceptance occurs not later than
5 December thirty-first in the current year.

The first thing I noticed when I stepped
 out of the train was the fresh air. It was
 so different from the stuffy atmosphere of
 the city. The sun was shining brightly,
 and the birds were singing in the trees.
 I felt a sense of freedom and peace that
 I had never experienced before. The
 landscape was beautiful, with rolling hills
 and a clear blue sky. I had heard that
 the weather was perfect, and now I knew
 why. It was indeed a wonderful day.
 I had come to this place for a change,
 and it was exactly what I needed. The
 people here were friendly and welcoming,
 and they made me feel like I had found
 a new home. I was so happy to be
 here, and I knew that I would stay.
 The days were long and sunny, and I
 enjoyed every moment of it. I had found
 what I was looking for, and I was
 so grateful. It was a perfect day, and
 I would never forget it.

