

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MEMORANDUM OF COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION PURSUANT TO GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 7, WITH RESPECT TO PETITION OF WILLIAM S. HAWKES AND OTHERS THAT THE TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF TEMPLETON BE AUTHORIZED TO UNITE WITH THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF TEMPLETON UNDER THE NAME OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF TEMPLETON.

January 2, 1957.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

The above-named petition was transmitted to me by the Clerk of the House of Representatives on December 10, 1956, with a request for a memorandum.

The Trinitarian Congregational Church of Templeton was organized as a corporation on January 18, 1923.

The First Parish Church of Templeton is a voluntary association.

It is respectfully suggested that section 1 of the bill be amended by inserting after the word "unite" in the fourth line thereof the words "as a corporation."

The proposed bill requires special legislative consideration.

No fee is required to be paid by a corporation of the type of the petitioner.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DANE, JR.

By Mr. Howard of Westminster, petition of William S. Hawkes and other that the Trinitarian Congregational Church of Templeton be authorized to unite with the First Parish Church of Templeton under the name of the First Church of Templeton. Mercantile Affairs.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF TEMPLETON, MASSACHUSETTS, TO UNITE WITH THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF TEMPLETON (UNITARIAN), MASSACHUSETTS, UNDER THE NAME OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF TEMPLETON.

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. The Trinitarian Congregational Church of
2 Templeton, Massachusetts, a Massachusetts corporation, and
3 the First Parish Church of Templeton (Unitarian), Massachu-
4 setts, a voluntary association, are hereby authorized to unite
5 under the name of the First Church of Templeton.

1 SECTION 2. The church resulting from said merger and
2 union shall in all respects be a continuance of, and the lawful
3 successor to the churches hereby merged and united, and all
4 bequests, devises, conveyances and gifts hereafter or hereto-
5 fore made to either of said churches, however described, and
6 all powers and privileges thereof, shall vest in said First
7 Church of Templeton, Massachusetts, and all trusts now or
8 hereafter vested in either of said churches and all powers
9 relating thereto shall have full force and effect in said First
10 Church of Templeton, Massachusetts.

1 SECTION 3. Said First Church of Templeton, Massachu-
2 setts, shall have and enjoy all franchise powers, privileges,

3 property and rights of every kind, now belonging to said
4 Trinitarian Congregational Church of Templeton, Massa-
5 chusetts, and First Parish Church of Templeton (Unitarian),
6 Massachusetts, subject to the uses and trusts upon which the
7 same are now held, and shall assume and be subject to all
8 their duties and liabilities.

1 SECTION 4. Upon said merger and union, the treasurers of
2 the said Trinitarian Congregational Church of Templeton,
3 Massachusetts, and the First Parish Church of Templeton
4 (Unitarian), Massachusetts, are hereby authorized to execute
5 and deliver all papers and documents that may be deemed
6 necessary and proper for effecting the transfer of their property
7 of every kind to the said First Church of Templeton, Massa-
8 chusetts.

1 SECTION 5. The proceedings and votes of the said Trini-
2 tarian Congregational Church of Templeton, Massachusetts,
3 and the First Parish Church of Templeton (Unitarian),
4 Massachusetts, prior and subsequent to its change of name
5 relating to the merger of said churches, and acts and doings
6 thereunder, are hereby ratified and confirmed, any informali-
7 ties, errors or omissions to the contrary notwithstanding.

1 SECTION 6. Upon the acceptance of this act by a majority
2 vote of the members of each of said churches present and
3 voting at meetings duly called for the purpose, certified copies
4 of the respective votes of acceptance, sworn to by the respec-
5 tive clerks or recording officers of said churches, shall be filed
6 for record in the registry of deeds for the county of Worcester,
7 and upon such filing, said union and merger shall be complete,
8 and thereupon the persons who are then members of said
9 Trinitarian Congregational Church of Templeton, Massa-
10 chusetts, and said First Parish Church of Templeton (Uni-
11 tarian), Massachusetts, shall be and become members of the
12 First Church of Templeton, Massachusetts.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

