

HOUSE No. 1572

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MEMORANDUM TO ACCOMPANY THE PETITION OF LINWOOD M. ERSKINE AND OTHERS FOR LEGISLATION TO CONFIRM THE MERGER OF PIEDMONT, UNION AND PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN WORCESTER INTO A CORPORATION UNDER THE NAME CHESTNUT STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN WORCESTER.

[See G. L. 3, § 7; Acts of 1937, 364, § 3.]

JANUARY 26, 1938.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

The above-named petition was transmitted to me by the Clerk of the House, January 12, 1938.

Pursuant to notification, the petitioner amended the petition to include a statement as required by General Laws, chapter 3, section 7, as amended, to indicate why the object sought cannot be accomplished under the General Laws.

Union Congregational Church in Worcester was organized May 7, 1915, pursuant to the provisions of Revised Laws, chapter 36. Piedmont Congregational Church in Worcester was organized May 20, 1924, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, chapter 67. Chestnut Street Congregational Church in Worcester was organized February 18, 1926, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, chapter 67, under the name of Plymouth Congre-

gational Church in Worcester, the present title having been assumed July 23, 1936.

As indicated by the amended petition, the objective sought is confirmation by legislative act of the attempted merger of the three churches. The General Laws contain no provisions for such a merger and it would accordingly appear that the object sought can only be accomplished by a special act of the General Court.

As the corporations were not organized for purposes of business or profit, no fee is required.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY F. LONG,
Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation.

By Mr. Southgate of Worcester, petition of Linwood M. Erskine and others for legislation to confirm the merger of Piedmont, Union and Plymouth Congregational Churches in Worcester into a corporation under the name Chestnut Street Congregational Church in Worcester. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT CONFIRMING THE MERGER OF PIEDMONT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN WORCESTER, UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN WORCESTER AND PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN WORCESTER.

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 merger of Piedmont Congrega-
2 tional Church in Worcester and Union Congregational
3 Church in Worcester, corporations established under
4 the laws of the commonwealth, with Plymouth Con-
5 gregational Church in Worcester, a corporation so
6 established, under the name Chestnut Street Congre-
7 gational Church in Worcester, and any conveyance
8 of property to said Chestnut Street Congregational
9 Church in Worcester, executed in connection with
10 such merger, in so far as the same may be invalid for
11 want of legal authority to effect such merger, are
12 hereby validated and confirmed, and said Chestnut
13 Street Congregational Church in Worcester resulting
14 from the merger aforesaid shall in all respects be a

15 continuance of, and the lawful successor to, said
16 Piedmont Congregational Church in Worcester,
17 Union Congregational Church in Worcester and
18 Plymouth Congregational Church in Worcester, with
19 all the privileges, powers and immunities to which
20 other religious corporations in this commonwealth are
21 by law entitled.

1 SECTION 2. All bequests, devises, conveyances and
2 gifts, heretofore or hereafter made to any of said
3 corporations, however described, and all the powers
4 and privileges thereof shall vest in said Chestnut
5 Street Congregational Church in Worcester and all
6 trusts heretofore or hereafter vested in any of said cor-
7 porations shall be preserved inviolate, and all powers
8 relating to such trusts shall have full force and effect
9 in said Chestnut Street Congregational Church in
10 Worcester, in so far as such authority and right may
11 be granted by statute.