

**FREE METHODIST CHURCHES (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 29 of 1901**

**458.87 Powers of corporation; execution of legal documents; rights of ministers and district elders.**

Sec. 7.

Said corporation may have a seal and alter the same at pleasure; it may, in its corporate name, sue and be sued in all courts and places; it shall have power to acquire, hold, sell and convey property, both real and personal, in accordance with this act, and it may recover and hold the debts, demands, rights, privileges, and all property, whether real or personal, of whatever sort it may be, belonging or appertaining to said church, in whatever manner the same may have been acquired, and in whose hands soever the same may be held, the same as if the right and title had originally been vested in said corporation.

The board of trustees may authorize certain of the officers of said board to affix the corporate name and seal of the corporation, and to execute and attest conveyances, notes, obligations, acquittances and all other legal documents.

It may sell (but not mortgage) or otherwise dispose of its personal property. And it may, under restrictions hereinafter provided, sell, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of or encumber its real estate, but not for current expenses. It may hold so much land as may be needful for the proper purposes of said church and its parsonages. It may also hold for a period not to exceed 10 years, real estate, which may be conveyed or devised to it or to said trustees to be sold and the proceeds to be used in any way for the benefit of said church, as directed in the conveyance or will. Said corporation shall at all times permit such ministers belonging to the Free Methodist church as shall from time to time be duly authorized by the general conference of said church or by the annual conference, within whose bounds the said corporation may be, to preach and expound God's Holy Word therein; and shall permit pastors and district elders duly appointed to execute the discipline of said Free Methodist church, and to administer the sacraments therein.

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