

TRUST AGREEMENT AND MORTGAGE

THIS INDENTURE, made this 20th day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five between W. D. Gambrell, Chmn., Ed Miller, George Young, Minus Brown, Tom Latta, Clarence Beacham, Hubert Buffington, Reuben Foster, and Richard Thompson, as trustees of the Bethel Methodist Church, in Greer, County of Greenville, State of South Carolina, Mortgagor, of the first part, and THE DIVISION OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, a corporation under the laws of the State of New York, Mortgagee, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, that, Whereas, the parties of the first part do hereby represent and declare that they or their predecessors in office have acquired title to, and do now hold, the premises hereinafter described, in trust, and said premises shall be held, kept, maintained, and disposed of as a place of divine worship for ministers and members, or residence for the traveling preachers of the Methodist Church, subject to the Discipline, usage, and ministerial appointments of said Church as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said Church, and the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises may be situated.

WHEREAS, the party of the second part in consideration of the uses and purposes to which said premises are devoted, as herein declared, has granted aid in the form of a conditional donation, in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars, to be secured and repaid as hereinafter set out:

NOW, the parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the foregoing, for themselves and successors in office as Trustees, hereby promise and agree to and with the said party of the second part that in case the property hereinafter described shall ever hereafter be alienated from the Methodist Church, or cease to be used for or be devoted to other uses than the uses and purposes set forth herein, then the said parties of the first part shall and will forthwith repay to the party of the second part said amount with lawful interest thereon,

AND the said parties of the first part further agree to keep the buildings adequately insured against loss or damage by fire,

AND to secure the performance of their said covenants and obligations above set forth, and in consideration of the said premises,

THE said parties of the first part do, by these presents, mortgage unto the party of the second part, the said Division of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, all of the following described property, to-wit:

All that piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Greer, Greenville County, State of South Carolina, on the North side of Arlington Avenue, containing one acre, more or less, and being the same lots of land conveyed to Adam Mayfield and others as Trustees by Gus B. Goodlett in deed bearing date January 27, 1888, recorded in the office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance for Greenville County, in Book "TT" at page 764; and by W. R. Bailey in deed bearing date January 20, 1896, recorded in the office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance for Spartanburg County in Book "4-N" at page 291, reference to these deeds being hereby specifically made for a fuller and more complete description of the above described property; and being the same lot of land on which there is now located the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, parsonage and other Church property, bounded by lands of W. T. Mitchell, E. E. Baswell and others.

THIS INSTRUMENT is executed under authority of a resolution of the Quarterly Conference of Greer charge, in the bounds of the South Carolina Annual Conference, held at a meeting thereof on the 30th day of September, 1945

NOW, if the said parties of the first part, or any of them shall repay said sum of money so conditionally donated, with interest thereon, then this indenture shall be void, or else remain in full force and effect.

WITNESS our hands and seals the day and date above mentioned.

*Handwritten notes and signatures:*  
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- "Book" written vertically in the middle right.  
- "536" written in the middle right.  
- "M." written in the middle right.  
- "1:56" written in the lower right.  
- "14279" written in the lower right.  
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