458.457 Powers of corporation; rights of ministers, presiding elders and bishops.

Sec. 7. Said church when so organized shall have all the rights, privileges and immunities appertaining to such religious corporations. It may sue and be sued; it may take and hold property both real and personal as may be necessary for the proper execution of the purpose for which it was incorporated; it may hold so much land as may be necessary for the proper purposes of said church and parsonage; it may sell, mortgage or lease real estate, when so directed by a majority of the members thereof in regular meeting. Said corporation shall at all times permit such ministers belonging to the Evangelical association as shall from time to time be duly authorized by the general conference or the annual conference within whose bounds such corporation is situated, to preach and expound God's word; and shall permit duly appointed pastors, presiding elders and bishops to perform the functions incident to their offices in accordance with the discipline and usages of the Evangelical association.