

**17-1726. Organization of nonprofit corporation to receive, manage and dispose of property for certain churches, church organizations or religious societies; membership; bylaws; authority.** The governing body or ecclesiastical head of any unincorporated church, church organization, or religious society having, under the laws, canons, rules, regulations, or usages of such church, organization, or society, the authority to conduct and manage its property and temporal affairs, may organize or cause to be organized one or more corporations not for profit under the provisions of the general corporation code of Kansas to receive, hold, manage, encumber, and dispose of real and personal property used by or held for the benefit of such church, church organization, or religious society. The members of any such corporation shall be determined in the manner set forth in its articles of incorporation, which articles may also set forth how such corporation shall be governed or that its government shall be in such manner as shall be set forth in its bylaws. No such corporation shall have authority to conduct religious services or to make or enforce laws, canons, rules or regulations relating to ecclesiastical or doctrinal matters, or to perform any of the functions or exercise any of the powers which are proper only to religious corporations.

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