

Resolution 2021-R5

A Resolution to Include the name Bishop Barbara Clementine Harris in the Lesser Feasts and Fasts

Whereas, the Episcopal Church publishes a calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, which contains feast days for the various men and women the Church wishes to honor. While the typical process for adding a celebration to Lesser Feasts and Fasts calls for a resolution to be presented and adopted at two successive General Conventions, there have been exceptions to this rule to honor exceptional persons or events. and

Whereas, the life of Barbara Clementine Harris is worthy to warrant her the honor of inclusion on the Church's Calendar in Lesser Feasts and Fasts; and

Whereas, Bishop Harris became the first woman to be ordained a bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion on February 11, 1989. Her years of episcopal leadership were filled with traveling and witnessing, preaching, and teaching and administering the sacraments. Her groundbreaking work in all of these areas of ministry merit inclusion in the calendar of the saints of our church.

Therefore be it resolved that this 155th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island hereby resolves to propose a resolution at the next General Convention to add the name of Bishop Barbara Clementine Harris in the Lesser Feasts and Fasts Calendar of The Episcopal Church, and authorize trial use of the proper for the triennial 2023-2024 to be celebrated on March 13 each year; and be it further

Be it further resolved that this 155th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island hereby resolves to propose at the next General Convention the approval of the appropriate proper to be prepared by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music; and be it further

Be it further resolved that this 155th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island adopts the aforementioned resolution and hereby directs the Secretary of this Convention to forward this resolution to the Secretary of General Convention of The Episcopal Church as a duly authorized resolution from this Diocese.

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