

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2009  
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-C002  
**TITLE:** Commend The Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray to LFF  
**PROPOSER:** Diocese of Newark  
**COMMITTEE:** Prayer Book, Liturgy & Church Music

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

None

**Indirectly Related:**

1991-D149      Endorse Bicentennial Celebration of the Black Presence in the Episcopal Church

*In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions of General Convention for the period 1976 through 2006, selecting "direct" resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. Committee members who are interested in obtaining copies of "indirectly related" resolutions, legislative history before 1976, or who require other research assistance should contact the Archives at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.*

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1     *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention  
2     commend the name of the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray to the Standing Commission on Liturgy  
3     and Music for its consideration of the possible addition of The Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray to  
4     the Calendar of The Episcopal Church recognizing July 1st, the date of her death, as the  
5     date of commemoration and request that it report on this matter to the 77th General  
6     Convention.  
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EXPLANATION:

The Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray was the first African American woman ordained as a priest in The Episcopal Church. As an attorney, teacher of law, author and faithful Christian activist she served the Gospel by working for more than 50 years to overcome barriers of race and gender discrimination. She also served on the United States Civil Rights Commission, worked for needed legal reform and pioneered Afro-American studies. On February 8, 2007, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori recommended that the name of Dr. Murray be included in Lesser Feasts and Fasts.