

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-C021
TITLE: Commend Sts. Andronicus and Junia to LFF
PROPOSER: Diocese of Newark
COMMITTEE: Prayer Book, Liturgy & Church Music

Directly Related: (attached)

None

Indirectly Related:

None

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.

TOPIC/TITLE: Church Calendar: Commend Sts. Andronicus and Junia to LFF

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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend
 2 the names of St. Andronicus and Junia to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
 3 for its consideration of the possible addition of St. Andronicus and Junia for
 4 commemoration on an appropriate date to the Calendar of The Episcopal Church and
 5 request that it report on this matter to the 77th General Convention.
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EXPLANATION:

The Bible verse mentioning these saints, written by St. Paul, says, "Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives and prison companions; they are notable Apostles, and they were in Christ before me." These Apostle saints who model evangelism, building up local Churches, women and men working together in the Church, prison ministry and faithfulness despite persecution-all needs of the Church today-are suitable models in the Communion of Saints for all the baptized. We believe this feast can function with these different emphases as supplementary and complementary for different people, not contradictory or competing concerns. Paul called them outstanding Apostles and we feel it would be fitting if the wider church would honor them in like fashion. Since 1984 some parishes in the Episcopal Church have celebrated this feast day, long hidden from our knowledge by the mistranslation of Junia's name in Romans 16:7. (The evidence for the correct translation has now been well documented by Dr. Eldon J. Epp.) God the Holy Spirit gave both these saints gifts, and the Spirit is giving men and women in our diocese gifts, and we can see how our call to use our gifts for the mission of the Church is an echo of their discipleship. They also represent for us our acceptance of the Spirit calling both men and women to all lay and ordained ministries in our Church.