

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-C040
TITLE: Amend Church Calendar
PROPOSER: Diocese of Massachusetts
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.

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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of the
2 Episcopal Church change the descriptive title in the Church Calendar for Bernard Mizeki
3 (June 18th) to read "Zimbabwe" rather than "Rhodesia"; and be it further
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5 *Resolved*, That the Convention urge Church Publishing Company to change the
6 descriptive title in the next edition of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, and any other publication
7 under CPC control, for Bernard Mizeki to read "Zimbabwe" rather than "Rhodesia."
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EXPLANATION:

The Diocese of Massachusetts in its 222nd Convention (November 2007) voted to submit a resolution to the 76th General Convention to change the designation in the Church Calendar for Bernard Mizeki (June 18th) to read "Zimbabwe" rather than "Rhodesia" in all publications of The Episcopal Church. "Rhodesia" as a place name came into use in the last two years of Bernard Mizeki's life, and does not exist today. As a colony, it was particularly known for its racist and oppressive political and social realities. When in 1980 the independent country of Zimbabwe came into being in the former colony, it chose for itself the name Zimbabwe. This resolution respects the rights of the people of Zimbabwe in their chosen political name, free from their colonial appellation. This change would honor the people of Zimbabwe, making clear that Bernard Mizeki died in their country.