

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-C057  
**TITLE:** Commend the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray to LFF  
**PROPOSER:** Diocese of North Carolina  
**COMMITTEE:** Prayer Book, Liturgy & Church Music

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

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

**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.*



**Resolution Number:** 1991-D149  
**Title:** Endorse Bicentennial Celebration of the Black Presence in the Episcopal Church  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, **That the 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church endorse and support the national bicentennial celebration on November 6, 7 and 8, 1992, to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, *200 Years of the Black Presence in the Episcopal Church: One Faith, One People, One Struggle*; and be it further**

*Resolved*, **That it is the responsibility of all Episcopalians to increase our knowledge of the one faith by developing a truly multi-cultural historiography and by preserving and sharing this common religious heritage.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 768.

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

The Reverend Dr. Anna Pauline (Pauli) Murray was a leader in the struggle for equal rights for women and African-Americans in the United States and throughout the world. She was also a lawyer, writer, poet, teacher, co-founder of the National Organization for Women, and the first African-American woman to be ordained priest by The Episcopal Church. Dr. Murray grew up in Durham, North Carolina, and on February 7, 1977, celebrated her first Eucharist in the Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where her grandmother, Cornelia, had been baptized as a slave child. Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Shori celebrated the Holy Eucharist at the Chapel of the Cross on February 7, 2007, in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of that ordination.