

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-C062
TITLE: Addition of Feast Day for Saint Andronicus and Saint Junia
PROPOSER: Diocese of Massachusetts
COMMITTEE: Prayer Book, Liturgy & 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 add to the
2 calendar on a trial use basis a feast day on May 17 for Saints Andronicus and Saint Junia,
3 Apostles, mentioned in Romans 16:7, and venerated for 1400 years in Eastern Orthodoxy
4 and for over three decades in some Anglican Churches in the U.S.A. and Canada.

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EXPLANATION:

The apostles Andronicus and Junia model evangelical fervor, dedication to the development of local Churches, partnership of women and men in ministry, commitment to prison ministry, and faithfulness despite persecution. They are suitable additions to the Communion of Saints for all the baptized as their faithful witness in ages past speaks powerfully to the needs of the church today. Adding this feast to our calendar also would reflect the truth that the Risen Christ entrusted the Gospel ministry of Apostle to both men and women.