

**General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2022
Archives' Research Report**

Resolution No.: 2022-A014
Title: Additions to the Book of Common Prayer Calendar
Proposer: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Topic: Church Calendar

Directly Related: (Attached)

2018-A065 Authorize Continued Use of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* 2006
2018-A216 On the Topic of Revising the Calendar of the Church Year (Rejected)

Indirectly Related: (Available in the [Acts of Convention](#) database, searchable by resolution number)

None

In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1973 through 2018, selecting “direct” resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. The “direct” resolutions are attached and “indirect” resolutions are available in the Acts of Convention database. Committee members who require other research assistance should contact the Archives through the [Research Request Form](#) or call 800-525-9329.

A014 - Additions to the Book of Common Prayer Calendar

Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: No

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That the 80th General Convention direct that in the revision of the Book of Common Prayer, the following apostolic-age saints be added to the Calendar, having already received trial use according to the publications that follow each name and citation.

January 26: Timothy, Titus and Silas, companions of Saint Paul (Acts 16, Epistles to Timothy and Titus); LFF2006, LFF 2018

January 27: Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses of the faith (Acts 16, Acts 9, Romans 16); GCW 2015, LFF 2018

February 26: The Woman of Samaria, traditionally known as Photini (John 4); LFF2018

July 8: Priscilla and Aquila, co-workers of Paul (Acts 18, Romans 16, 1 Cor 16, 2 Tim 4); LFF 2018

July 29: Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, of Bethany (Luke 10, John 11-12); LFF2006, LFF2018

August 1: Joseph of Arimathea (Matt 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19); LFF2006

August 3: Joanna, Mary, and Salome, Myrrh-Bearing Women (Matt 28, Mark 16, John 19); LFF2018

Explanation

Canon I.1.2.n.2.v calls on the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music. The Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer shall be a member ex officio with voice, but without vote. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

v. Receive and evaluate requests for consideration of individuals or groups to be included in the Calendar of the Church year and make recommendations thereon to the General Convention for acceptance or rejection.

The Calendar of the Book of Common Prayer is the appropriate place to commemorate saints of the Apostolic Age. The addition of these names to the Calendar both fulfills the intention of celebrating saints of the Apostolic Age and offers a more diverse body of those remembered.



Resolution Number: 2018-A065
Title: Authorize Continued Use of Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted and Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize the continued use of Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention commend the continued availability of Great Cloud of Witnesses 2015 for the 2018-2021 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the new commemorations in Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 proposed by the SCLM be authorized for trial use and be included in the calendar for the 2018-2021 triennium, under Article X(b); and be it further

Resolved, That the SCLM provide the 80th General Convention with a clear and unambiguous plan for a singular calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 679.



Resolution Number: 2018-A216
Title: On the Topic of Revising the Calendar of the Church Year
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend pages 19-30 of the Calendar of the Church Year in the Book of Common Prayer by removal of all non-Biblical feasts of optional observance (while retaining them on the calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts); and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention add the following Biblical feasts of optional observance on pages 19-30 of the Calendar of the Book of Common Prayer:

February 26 The Samaritan Woman
May 21 Lydia of Thyatira, Coworker of the Apostle Paul
July 8 Priscilla and Aquila, Coworkers of the Apostle Paul
August 3 Joanna, Mary, and Salome, Myrrh-bearing Women
August 29 The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist
September 3 Phoebe, Deacon
September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
October 25 Tabitha (Dorcas) of Joppa

And be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend page 18 of the Calendar of the Church Year in the Book of Common Prayer by the addition of the words “Prayer Book” before the word “Calendar” in line 3, and the addition of a new line following it with the words “Additional Commemorations listed in the *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* Calendar.”