

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

**Resolution No.:** 2022-C024  
**Title:** On Commemorating the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris  
**Proposer:** Olympia  
**Topic:** Church Calendar

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

None

**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.*

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**Final Status:** Not Yet Finalized

**Proposed by:** Olympia

**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

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring,

That the 80th General Convention include and enter Barbara Clementine Harris, the first female bishop in the Anglican Communion, to the Calendar of the Church Year, to be celebrated on March 13.

## Explanation

Comments: Barbara Clementine Harris was ordained a deacon in 1979 and a priest in 1980. She was consecrated in 1989 as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Massachusetts. She was the first female bishop in the Anglican Communion. Retiring in 2002 she remained an active member in The Episcopal Church. Bishop Harris was known for her dedication to social justice and inclusion which were always a part of her ministry. Her vitality, candidness, her passion, compassion, and kindheartedness were among her many traits. She was a prophet, a champion of God's justice and witness to God's grace. Bishop Harris was a leading example of Christian faith and witness."

Explanation: The Diocese of Olympia is proud to join with Dioceses around the church and the Union of Black Episcopalians in presenting to General Convention this request to honor Bishop Barbara Harris by celebrating her witness and ministry on the day of her death and including her in A Great Cloud of Witnesses.