

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2022 Archives' Research Report

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Title: Commemoration of the Right Rev. Barbara Harris
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None

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C066 Commemoration of the Right Rev. Barbara Harris

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RESOLUTION TEXT

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

that the 80th General Convention include and enter Barbara Clementine Harris, Bishop, to the Calendar of the Church Year to be celebrated annually on March 13.

EXPLANATION

Barbara Clementine Harris (1930-2020) was ordained to the diaconate in 1979 and to the priesthood in 1980. She was elected Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts in 1988 and consecrated on February 11, 1989. She was the first woman to be consecrated as a bishop in The Episcopal Church and, as a consequence, in the entire Anglican Communion.

The Right Reverend Harris fought for civil rights and was respected for her tireless advocacy of racial and sexual justice both within the church and outside of it. She was also active in peace and prison ministries.

The date of March 13th celebrates her departure from this life and her entrance into glory.