

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

**Resolution No.:** 2022-C069  
**Title:** Including Bp. Barbara Clementine Harris on the Calendar of the Church Year  
**Proposer:** Newark  
**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:** Newark

**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, Bishop, to the Calendar of the Church Year to be celebrated on March 13.

## Explanation

When Barbara Harris was confirmed in the Episcopal Church as a young girl the bishop wore gloves so his hands would not have to touch the heads of the black people he was confirming. In spite of this demeaning and undeniably racist "welcome" to the church, Barbara Harris was undeterred in her commitment to Christ, living her life as a powerful example of faith, both as dedicated and engaged lay woman and as the first female bishop in the Anglican Communion. Her humble but unrelenting and heroic witness to those on the margins of the church and larger society, her warmth and generous spirit and her tireless energy and humor made her one of the most beloved and noteworthy bishops in the church, if not the world.

This Resolution was passed at the 148th Annual Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, held on May 7th, 2022 at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit, New Jersey. It was sponsored by the General Convention Deputation and the Newark Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians.

