

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2022

Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2022-D010

Title: Resolution Regarding Inclusion of a Hymn in Honor of Dr. Artemisia Bowden

Proposer: The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn A. Collins

Topic: Liturgy

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-A055 Authorize Collects and Additions to the Church Calendar

2012-C053 Refer a Resolution to Add Artemisia Bowden to the Church Calendar (Referred)

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.

D010 - Resolution Regarding Inclusion of a hymn in Honor of Dr. Artemisia Bowden

Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn A. Collins

Endorsed by: Mr. Louis Glosson, The Rev. Kevin Matthews

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: Yes

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That this 80th General Convention Of The Episcopal Church authorize for trial use the new hymn in Honor of Dr. Artemisia Bowden and that that hymn be integrated into the Black Saints section of the Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal of The Episcopal Church.

Explanation

Dr. Artemisia Bowden was recognized by The Episcopal Church at the 78th General Convention in 2015 as a Holy Woman and is now included in the Church's Calendar of Commemorations on August 18.

Dr. Bowden came to The Diocese of West Texas in 1902 upon the call of Bishop James Steptoe Johnston to head a school for the daughters and granddaughters of former slaves, which later became St. Philip's College, a Historically Black College.

Dr. Bowden became known as "the Savior of St. Philip's" through her determined and tireless work to keep the school open during the Great Depression when the diocese could no longer afford financial support.

As part of this work, Dr. Bowden instituted several student musical quartets to travel the United States to generate funds to keep St. Philip's doors open.

Resolution 2018-C048 of the 79th General Convention the House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #1 on Resolution C048

(Inclusion of a Hymn in Honor of Artemisia Bowden) and recommended take no further action. Motion carried. The House took no further action (Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #26).

A copy of this resolution and a draft copy of the hymn composed by members of the St. Philip's College community and the Blessed Artemisia Bowden UBE Chapter will be submitted to the appropriate legislative bodies of The Episcopal Church, including specifically, Interim Body, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

In fact, the May 1, 2018 Spring Concert at St. Philip's College (HBCU) in a Denver Neighborhood better known as the "Hood", Eastside San Antonio, Texas was a memorable experience for all in attendance. The highpoint of the Concert was the presentation for the first time of the hymn honoring Dr. Artemisia Bowden. The St. Philip's College Student Choir, under the direction of Faculty Eric J. Schmidt, stunned the attendees with the Student Choir receiving a standing ovation for more than a minute.

The Hymn, "Artemisia, Child of God!" surpasses all expectation of enlivening and invigorating. The official hymn sheet folder will be delivered (to be attached to the Resolution) once the Resolution is accepted by The Office of The General Convention and submitted by fax to the docket of the 80th General Convention 2021 for consideration to be included in the hymnody of the Episcopal Church.

The Artemisia Bowden UBE Chapter presented donations to the "Artemisia Scholarship Program" which were received with screams of gratitude from part of the students. Many of the students that attend St. Philip's College from the disfranchised Denver Neighborhood do not qualify for financial aid loans because they are not full-time students. Many of these part-time students are breadwinners and caregivers for their homes with drug afflicted parents, parents incarcerated and/or younger siblings at home. Others are part-time students with special needs that rely on tutoring to take a limited study load of one or two courses at a time. These students are well deserving of the "Artemisia Scholarship Program". These students are trying to emerge from the poverty stringent cycle condition by obtaining an education.

The inclusion of this hymn "Artemisia, Child of God" in honor of Dr. Artemisia Bowden in the hymnody of the Black Saint's section of Lift Every Voice and Sing II, the African American hymnal of the Episcopal Church, by the 80th General Convention 2021 will bring a great sense of accomplishment for St. Philip's College Community, Denver Neighborhood, the City of San Antonio, and the Christian Community in general that finally the "World" will hear and sing the story of Blessed Artemisia Bowden.



Resolution Number:	2015-A055
Title:	Authorize Collects and Additions to the Church Calendar
Legislative Action Taken:	Concurred as Amended
Final Text:	

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize the following deletions from the Calendar and liturgical proper set forth in “Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints”:

- 4/12 Adoniram Judson, Missionary to Burma, 1850
- 4/22 John Muir, Naturalist and Writer, 1914, and Hudson Stuck, Priest and Environmentalist, 1920
- 7/1 Harriet Beecher Stowe, Writer and Prophetic Witness, 1896
- 7/12 Nathan Soderblom, Archbishop of Uppsala and Ecumenist, 1931
- 7/13 Conrad Weiser, Witness to Peace and Reconciliation, 1760
- 8/23 Toribio de Mogrovejo, 1606 [retaining Martin de Porres, 1639, and Rosa de Lima, 1617, Witnesses to the Faith in South America]
- 9/3 Prudence Crandall, Teacher and Prophetic Witness, 1890
- 9/8 Nikolai Grundtvig, Bishop and Hymnwriter, 1872
- 9/8 Soren Kierkegaard, Teacher and Philosopher, 1855
- 10/19 William Carey, Missionary to India, 1834
- 12/10 Karl Barth, Pastor and Theologian, 1968
- 12/15 John Horden, Bishop and Missionary in Canada, 1893
- 12/15 Robert McDonald, Priest, 1913
- 12/17 William Lloyd Garrison, 1879 [retaining Maria Stewart, 1879, Prophetic Witness]
- 12/19 Lillian Trasher, Missionary in Egypt, 1961
- 12/22 Charlotte Diggs (Lottie) Moon, Missionary in China, 1912; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize the following additions to the Calendar set forth in “Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints”:

- 7/26 Charles Raymond Barnes, 1938
- 8/18 Artemisia Bowden, 1969
- 9/4 Albert Schweitzer, 1965
- 9/18 Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjold, 1961
- 9/24 Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, 1947
- 10/24 Hiram Hisanori Kano, 1986; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention authorize for trial use the new and revised collects for commemorations as found in the Blue Book.

Add to Revised Collects and Commemorations:

Page 164:

July 26 Charles Raymond Barnes, 1938

I: Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church standing firm in the witness of thy Son and following the good example of thy servant Charles Barnes may ever speak boldly against evil and confess the truth before the rulers of this world; through thy Son Jesus Christ who with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, One God, now and forever. Amen.

II: Grant, we pray, merciful God, that your Church standing firm in the witness of your Son and following the good example of your servant Charles Barnes may ever speak boldly against evil and confess the truth before the rulers of this world; through your Son Jesus Christ who with you and the Holy Spirit, live and reign, One God, now and forever. Amen.

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August 18 Artemisia Bowden, 1969

I: O God, by thy Holy Spirit thou dost give gifts to thy people so that they might faithfully serve thy Church and the world: We give praise to thee for the gifts of perseverance, teaching and wisdom made manifest in thy servant, Artemisia Bowden, whom thou didst call far from home for the sake of educating the daughters and granddaughters of former slaves in Texas. We give thanks to thee for thy blessing and prospering of her life's work, and pray that, following her example, we may be ever mindful of the call to serve where thou dost send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II: O God, by your Holy Spirit, you give gifts to your people so that they might faithfully serve your Church and the world: We give you praise for the gifts of perseverance, teaching and wisdom made manifest in your servant, Artemisia Bowden, whom you called far from home for the sake of educating the daughters and granddaughters of former slaves in Texas. We thank you for blessing and prospering her life's work, and pray that, following her example, we may be ever mindful of the call to serve where you send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Page 167:

September 4 Albert Schweitzer, 1965

I: O God, who didst endow thy servant Albert Schweitzer with a multitude of gifts for learning, beauty, and service: Inspire thy Church that we, following his example, may be utterly dedicated to thee that all our works might be done to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

II: O God, who endowed your servant Albert Schweitzer with a multitude of gifts for learning, beauty, and service: Inspire your Church that we, following his example, may be utterly dedicated to you that all our works might be done to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Page 168:

September 18 Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjold, 1961

I: Almighty God who hast exalted thy humble Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords: Enkindle within the hearts of the leaders of this world a yearning for peace with justice as thou didst within thy servant Dag Hammarskjold and, following his good example, ever guide our feet into the way of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

II: Almighty God who exalted your humble Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords: Kindle within the hearts of the leaders of this world a yearning for peace with justice as you did within your servant Dag Hammarskjold and, following his good example, ever guide our feet into the way of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

September 24 Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, 1947

I: O God, who didst call Anna Alexander as a deaconess in thy Church, sending her as a teacher and evangelist to the people of Georgia: Grant us the humility to go wherever thou dost send, and the wisdom to teach the word of Christ to whomever we meet, that all may come to the enlightenment thou dost intend for thy people; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior. Amen

II: O God, you called Anna Alexander as a deaconess in your Church, and sent her as teacher and evangelist to the people of Georgia: Grant us the humility to go wherever you send, and the wisdom to teach the word of Christ to whomever we meet, that all may come to the enlightenment which you intend for your people; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior. Amen

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October 24 Hiram Hisanori Kano, 1986

I: Almighty God who hast reconciled the world unto thyself through Christ: Entrust to thy church the ministry of reconciliation as thou didst to thy servant Hiram Hisanori Kano, and raise up ambassadors for Christ to proclaim thy love and peace wherever conflict and hatred divide; through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

II: Almighty God who has reconciled the world to yourself through Christ: Entrust to your church the ministry of reconciliation as you did to your servant Hiram Hisanori Kano, and raise up ambassadors for Christ to proclaim your love and peace wherever conflict and hatred divide; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), pp. 727-729.



Resolution Number: 2012-C053
Title: Refer a Resolution to Add Artemisia Bowden to the Church Calendar
Legislative Action Taken: Referred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention call upon the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to include Dr. Artemisia Bowden in the Calendar of the Church Year, and in Holy Women, Holy Men, and to authorize for trial use for the triennium 2012-15, a day commemorating this educator.

Proposed Collect: Dr. Artemisia Bowden

O God, by your Holy Spirit, you give gifts to your people so that they might faithfully serve your Church and the world: We give you praise for the gifts of perseverance, teaching and wisdom made manifest in your servant, Artemisia Bowden, whom you called far from home for the sake of educating the daughters and granddaughters of former slaves in Texas. We thank you for blessing and prospering her life's work, and pray that, following her example, we may be ever mindful of the call to serve where you send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Proposed Readings:

Wisdom 7:7-14

Psalm 119:97-104

I Corinthians 3:5-11

Matthew 11:25-30

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2013), pp. 119-120.