

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2024 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2024-A109
Title: Commend and Expand Liturgical Resources in Recognition of the End of Slavery
Proposer: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Topic: Liturgy, Racism, Reconciliation

Directly Related: (Attached)

2022-C004 Include June 19th, Juneteenth, in the Church's Liturgical Calendar

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

2022-A058 Establish Official Episcopal Church Liturgical Website
2022-A060 Endorse Guidelines for Expansive and Inclusive Language
2022-A126 Examine Divisive Language of All Approved Liturgical Texts

In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1973 through 2022, 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](#).

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Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Changes Mandate Of Existing Ib: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: No House Assigned

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: No Committee Assigned

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: No

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention commend the liturgical materials lamenting the historic evil of slavery and celebrating the emancipation of enslaved peoples on Juneteenth in the United States made available by the SCLM at episcopalcommonprayer.org; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCLM continue to develop liturgical materials in consultation with church leaders in nations, commonwealths, or convocations of churches where The Episcopal Church has dioceses or convocations and where slavery is a part of the national history; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCLM present these materials to the 82nd General Convention for consideration for inclusion in The Book of Occasional Services (or other appropriate location); and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses and congregations be encouraged to develop local commemorations lamenting slavery and its effects and celebrating emancipation on days deemed appropriate by them and to submit them to the SCLM through the portal on episcopalcommonprayer.org.

Explanation

Response to 2022-C004 - Inclusion of June 19th, "Juneteenth" in the Church's Liturgical Calendar in Recognition of the End of Slavery in the United States



Resolution Number: 2022-C004
Title: Include June 19th, Juneteenth, in the Church's Liturgical Calendar
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 80th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop liturgical materials to lament the historic evil of slavery and celebrate the emancipation of enslaved peoples, considering historically significant dates such as Emancipation Day and Juneteenth in the United States, Emancipation Day in Puerto Rico, Independence Day in Haiti, and days of similar import in the 13 nations, commonwealths, or convocations of churches which are a part of the Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the SCLM develop these materials in consultation with church leaders in all nations, commonwealths, or convocations of churches where The Episcopal Church has dioceses or convocations and where slavery is a part of the national history; and be it further
Resolved, That the SCLM present these materials to the 81st General Convention for consideration for inclusion in The Book of Occasional Services; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and congregations be encouraged to develop local commemorations lamenting slavery and its effects and celebrating emancipation on days deemed appropriate by them.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Baltimore, 2022* (New York: General Convention, 2023), pp. 475-476.