

## General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2024 Archives' Research Report

**Resolution No.:** 2024-A122  
**Title:** Withdraw the Trial Use Commemoration of Episcopal Deaconesses  
**Proposer:** Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music  
**Topic:** Church Calendar

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

2022-A008 Authorize Trial Use of Additional Calendar Commemorations and Propers

**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 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](#).*

# A122 - Withdraw the trial use commemoration of Episcopal Deaconesses

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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:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**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

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention authorize the deletion of the trial use commemoration of Episcopal Deaconesses from the Calendar of the Church.

## Explanation

The Commission has heard feedback from the church that it would be better to honor specific, named, deaconesses rather than to honor the vocation generically, just as we honor specific nurses, bishops, teachers, or missionaries on the Calendar rather than honoring each vocation as a collective. For that reason, the Commission is separately proposing the commemoration of Adeline Blanchard Tyler and her companions. The Commission also warmly welcomes further proposals of specific Episcopal deaconesses for inclusion on the calendar.



**Resolution Number:** 2022-A008  
**Title:** Authorize Trial Use of Additional Calendar Commemorations and Propers  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That commemorations of Simeon Bachos the Ethiopian Eunuch (August 27), Episcopal Deaconesses (September 22), and Frederick Howden, Jr (December 11) be authorized for trial use for the triennium 2021-2024; and be it further*  
*Resolved, That this General Convention authorize for trial use the propers for these feasts as presented in the Blue Book Vol. II p.518-522; and be it further*  
*Resolved, That this General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to edit the biographies for these commemorations as presented in the Blue Book, attending to clarity, historical accuracy and timelessness.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Baltimore, 2022* (New York: General Convention, 2023), p. 534.