

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018  
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2018-A065  
**TITLE:** Authorize Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018  
**PROPOSER:** Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music  
**TOPIC:** Lesser Feasts/Fasts

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

2006-A057 Approves New Principles of Revision for *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*  
2006-A058 Affirm the Revision of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*

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

None

**Supplemental Documents:** (Linked)

(*Blue Book*) Report to General Convention, [Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music](#), see page 170.

*In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1976 through 2015, 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 at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.*

# A065 Authorize Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018

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## RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize for optional use throughout this Church the revision of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, prepared by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and published by The Church Hymnal Corporation, last revised in 2006, and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to appoint a person or persons to solicit and collect broad feedback from the Church with respect to this volume, and to utilize that feedback to bring any suggested revisions before the 80th General convention in 2021.

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## EXPLANATION

The subcommittee on the calendar was given eleven separate resolutions from the last General Convention; nine of these proposed individual additions to the calendar, and two proposed authorizing collections of liturgical commemorations. In sorting through these resolutions, the Subcommittee on the Church Calendar discerned that the most appropriate way forward was to prepare a new edition of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, which would better reflect the diversity of the church, and which could work in conjunction with the resource A Great Cloud of Witnesses, which General Convention “made available” but did not authorize.

The Sub-committee’s efforts at calendar revision have attempted to create a calendar that will better reflect the diversity of the church. It has long been recognized that the current calendar of commemorations does not come anywhere close to meeting this goal, and still skews overwhelmingly clerical, white, and male. General Convention has repeatedly asked for a more diverse calendar, and Resolution A065 fulfills this request.

The Sub-committee asks General Convention to authorize Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 “for optional use throughout the church”. This language reflects the fact that the calendar is an optional document, and that individuals and congregations may choose to make use of all of it, some of it, or none of it. We have deliberately refrained from using the language of “trial use”, because the canons of the Episcopal Church only recognize trial use as pertaining to revisions of the Book of Common Prayer and not to other authorized liturgical resources.

Still, the proposed text is very much “in trial.” In this regard, we ask that the next iteration of the SCLM be intentional about collecting feedback from the members of the church, and that they use that feedback to make suggested revisions to General Convention 2021. We trust that in the process of reception, those things that need to be restored will be restored, those things that should be deleted will be deleted, and those things that need to be revised will be revised.



**Resolution Number:** 2006-A057  
**Title:** Approves New Principles of Revision for Lesser Feasts and Fasts  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the Principles of Revision accepted by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be approved by the 75th General Convention and substituted for the Guidelines approved by the 1994 General Convention (2003 edition of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, p. 477 – 479).*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 469.



**Resolution Number:** 2006-A058  
**Title:** Affirm the Revision of Lesser Feasts and Fasts  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm the work of revision begun in the past triennium, in anticipation of the submission of the completed revision of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, with accompanying materials, for consideration by the 76th General Convention in 2009; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$25,000 for the implementation of this resolution.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 438.