

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-D084
TITLE: Commemoration of Emily Malbone Morgan
PROPOSER: The Rev. Gail Avery
TOPIC: Lesser Feasts/Fasts

Directly Related: (Attached)

2012-D056 On the Topic of Revising Emily Morgan's Commemoration (Rejected)

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

None

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D084 Commemoration of Emily Malbone Morgan

Proposer	The Rev. Gail Avery
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention restore to the revision of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2018, the commendation of Emily Malbone Morgan on May 3; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the propers assigned be:
- 3 Collect
- 4 Gracious God, we thank you for the life and witness of Emily Malbone Morgan, who established the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross so that women who live in the world might devote themselves to Intercessory prayer, thanksgiving and simplicity of life. Help us to follow her example in prayer, simplicity, ecumenism and witness to social justice, for the glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*
- 5 Lessons
- 6 Exodus 1:15-21
- 7 Psalm 84
- 8 1 Thessalonians 5:16-25
- 9 Matthew 5:13-16
- 10 And be it further
- 11 *Resolved*, That the biography read as follows:
- 12 In 1884 Emily Malbone Morgan founded the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross (SCHC), a dispersed, vowed community of women. The aims of the SCHC are thanksgiving, Intercessory prayer, and simplicity, with particular concern for social justice, mission in GOD's world, the unity of all God's people, and peace and reconciliation. Drawn to monastic practices like many Episcopal women of their time, the early Companions developed a unique for active

lives in the secular world, grounding their work for social justice in daily prayer. They became a strong force for social justice reform during the social Gospel era at the turn of the twentieth century. There are now about 800 Companions, both lay and ordained, in 34 Chapters in the United States and around the world.

- 13 The SCHC was founded on May 3, 1884.
- 14 A primary inspiration for Morgan was her friendship with Adelynrood Howard, who was home bound because of illness. She sought Morgan's support for both spiritual companionship and as a means by which she could offer Intercessory prayers for others. Meeting her friend's needs, Morgan called together a small group of women for prayer and companionship. From that beginning, the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross came into being.
- 15 Miss Morgan had a particular concern for women working in the textile mills who endured dangerous working conditions and suffered oppression and exhaustion. In response, she, with the help of a growing number of Companions, developed summer respite houses across northeastern United States. They were places where these working women and their children could have time away for physical and spiritual renewal and refreshment. She wrote a number of books so that the resulting income could be used to support these vacation houses.
- 16 In 1914, the Society built Adelynrood in Byfield, Massachusetts. It serves as a Retreat and Conference Center, offering hospitality in the form of programs, retreats and outreach.

EXPLANATION

No explanation.



Resolution Number: 2012-D056
Title: On the Topic of Revising Emily Morgan's Commemoration
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected [Died with Adjournment]
Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 77th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to substitute the following collects and lections for Emily Malbone Morgan (February 26) for those adopted for trial use in *Holy Women, Holy Men* at the 76th General Convention and in place of the alternative collects in Resolution A052.

Collects:

I

Gracious God, who didst raise up Emily Malbone Morgan to establish the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross and to provide respite for women working in factories: Draw us to follow her example of thanksgiving, intercession, and simplicity of life in service of social justice, unity and mission; through Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

II

Gracious God, you raised up Emily Malbone Morgan to establish the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross and to provide respite for women working in factories: Draw us to follow her example of thanksgiving, intercession and simplicity of life in service of social justice, unity, and mission; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now for ever. *Amen*.

Proposed readings

Exodus 1:15-21

Psalm 84

I Thessalonians 5:16-25

Matthew 5:13-16