

R2021-05: A Resolution to Include the Name Bishop Barbara Clementine Harris in the Lesser Feasts & Fasts Calendar

RESOLVED, that the 147th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio submit the following resolution to the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church meeting in 2022; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, that the Secretary of this Convention forward this resolution to the Secretary of General Convention of The Episcopal Church as a duly authorized resolution from this Diocese; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, that the Secretary of this Convention be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Resolutions Committee of Province V for consideration by the Provincial Synod in 2022.

TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION

Whereas, Barbara Clementine Harris was raised in a household surrounded by women of faith where her passion for racial and social justice was grounded; *and*

Whereas, Barbara Clementine Harris who loved and participated in a church that saw her as a problem and considered her culturally and socially separated and inferior, but by baptism, full and equal member of the community; *and*

Whereas, Barbara Clementine Harris during her ministry served as chaplain to the Philadelphia County prisons and as counsel to industrial corporations on public policy issues and social concerns; *and*

Whereas, Barbara Clementine Harris throughout her life, participated in the Union of Black Episcopalians which was founded to address the issues of racial and social justice; *and*

Whereas, Barbara Clementine Harris became the first woman to be ordained a bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion on February 11, 1989; *and*

Whereas, Barbara Clementine Harris's unrelenting and heroic witness to those on the margins of the church and larger society, her warm and generous spirit and her tireless energy and humor made her one of the most beloved and noteworthy bishops in the church; *therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, the House of _____ concurring, that the 80th General Convention include and enter Barbara Clementine Harris, Bishop to the Calendar of the Church Year to be celebrated on March 13.