

Resolution Number: 2015-A055
Title: Authorize Collects and Additions to the Church Calendar
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize the following deletions from the Calendar and liturgical propers set forth in “Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints”:

- 4/12 Adoniram Judson, Missionary to Burma, 1850
- 4/22 John Muir, Naturalist and Writer, 1914, and Hudson Stuck, Priest and Environmentalist, 1920
- 7/1 Harriet Beecher Stowe, Writer and Prophetic Witness, 1896
- 7/12 Nathan Soderblom, Archbishop of Uppsala and Ecumenist, 1931
- 7/13 Conrad Weiser, Witness to Peace and Reconciliation, 1760
- 8/23 Toribio de Mogrovejo, 1606 [retaining Martin de Porres, 1639, and Rosa de Lima, 1617, Witnesses to the Faith in South America]
- 9/3 Prudence Crandall, Teacher and Prophetic Witness, 1890
- 9/8 Nikolai Grundtvig, Bishop and Hymnwriter, 1872
- 9/8 Soren Kierkegaard, Teacher and Philosopher, 1855
- 10/19 William Carey, Missionary to India, 1834
- 12/10 Karl Barth, Pastor and Theologian, 1968
- 12/15 John Horden, Bishop and Missionary in Canada, 1893
- 12/15 Robert McDonald, Priest, 1913
- 12/17 William Lloyd Garrison, 1879 [retaining Maria Stewart, 1879, Prophetic Witness]
- 12/19 Lillian Trasher, Missionary in Egypt, 1961
- 12/22 Charlotte Diggs (Lottie) Moon, Missionary in China, 1912; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize the following additions to the Calendar set forth in “Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints”:

- 7/26 Charles Raymond Barnes, 1938
- 8/18 Artemisia Bowden, 1969
- 9/4 Albert Schweitzer, 1965
- 9/18 Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjold, 1961
- 9/24 Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, 1947
- 10/24 Hiram Hisanori Kano, 1986; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention authorize for trial use the new and revised collects for commemorations as found in the Blue Book.

Add to Revised Collects and Commemorations:

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July 26 Charles Raymond Barnes, 1938

I: Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church standing firm in the witness of thy Son and following the good example of thy servant Charles Barnes may ever speak boldly against evil and confess the truth before the rulers of this world; through thy Son Jesus Christ who with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, One God, now and forever. Amen.

II: Grant, we pray, merciful God, that your Church standing firm in the witness of your Son and following the good example of your servant Charles Barnes may ever speak boldly against evil and confess the truth before the rulers of this world; through your Son Jesus Christ who with you and the Holy Spirit, live and reign, One God, now and forever. Amen.

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August 18 Artemisia Bowden, 1969

I: O God, by thy Holy Spirit thou dost give gifts to thy people so that they might faithfully serve thy Church and the world: We give praise to thee for the gifts of perseverance, teaching and wisdom made manifest in thy servant, Artemisia Bowden, whom thou didst call far from home for the sake of educating the daughters and granddaughters of former slaves in Texas. We give thanks to thee for thy blessing and prospering of her life's work, and pray that, following her example, we may be ever mindful of the call to serve where thou dost send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II: O God, by your Holy Spirit, you give gifts to your people so that they might faithfully serve your Church and the world: We give you praise for the gifts of perseverance, teaching and wisdom made manifest in your servant, Artemisia Bowden, whom you called far from home for the sake of educating the daughters and granddaughters of former slaves in Texas. We thank you for blessing and prospering her life's work, and pray that, following her example, we may be ever mindful of the call to serve where you send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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September 4 Albert Schweitzer, 1965

I: O God, who didst endow thy servant Albert Schweitzer with a multitude of gifts for learning, beauty, and service: Inspire thy Church that we, following his example, may be utterly dedicated to thee that all our works might be done to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

II: O God, who endowed your servant Albert Schweitzer with a multitude of gifts for learning, beauty, and service: Inspire your Church that we, following his example, may be utterly dedicated to you that all our works might be done to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

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September 18 Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjold, 1961

I: Almighty God who hast exalted thy humble Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords: Enkindle within the hearts of the leaders of this world a yearning for peace with justice as thou didst within thy servant Dag Hammarskjold and, following his good example, ever guide our feet into the way of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

II: Almighty God who exalted your humble Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords: Kindle within the hearts of the leaders of this world a yearning for peace with justice as you did within your servant Dag Hammarskjold and, following his good example, ever guide our feet into the way of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

September 24 Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, 1947

I: O God, who didst call Anna Alexander as a deaconess in thy Church, sending her as a teacher and evangelist to the people of Georgia: Grant us the humility to go wherever thou dost send, and the

wisdom to teach the word of Christ to whomever we meet, that all may come to the enlightenment thou dost intend for thy people; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior. Amen

II: O God, you called Anna Alexander as a deaconess in your Church, and sent her as teacher and evangelist to the people of Georgia: Grant us the humility to go wherever you send, and the wisdom to teach the word of Christ to whomever we meet, that all may come to the enlightenment which you intend for your people; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior. Amen

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October 24 Hiram Hisanori Kano, 1986

I: Almighty God who hast reconciled the world unto thyself through Christ: Entrust to thy church the ministry of reconciliation as thou didst to thy servant Hiram Hisanori Kano, and raise up ambassadors for Christ to proclaim thy love and peace wherever conflict and hatred divide; through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

II: Almighty God who has reconciled the world to yourself through Christ: Entrust to your church the ministry of reconciliation as you did to your servant Hiram Hisanori Kano, and raise up ambassadors for Christ to proclaim your love and peace wherever conflict and hatred divide; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

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