

Diocese of Olympia

Additional resolution submitted pursuant to Canon 4 §7 for Convention Consideration

Canon 4 §7: Any resolution not submitted to the committee at least 45 days prior to convention shall be considered by convention only if it does not propose to modify the Constitution and Canons of the diocese and does not call for an appropriation from the diocesan budget, and further provided that it has been submitted, in writing, to the Resolutions Committee no later than forty-eight (48) hours before the convening of Convention, and consideration of such resolution is approved by a majority vote of the Convention.

On Commemorating the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris

Submitted by the Rev. Malcolm McLaurin, Deborah Moore, Nabatanzi Bewayo, Roberta Newell, Sharalyne King, Sharon Simes, Sherina James, Lawrence Sylvester, and Daniel Jones, on behalf of the Black/African-American Circle of Color

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Do Pass

1 **Resolved**, that the 111th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Olympia submit the following resolution
2 to the 80th General Convention, to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, July 2022:

3 “Resolved, the House ____ concurring that the 80th General Convention include and enter
4 Barbara Clementine Harris, the first female bishop in the Anglican Communion, to the
5 Calendar of the Church Year, to be celebrated on March 13.”

Comments: Barbara Clementine Harris was ordained a deacon in 1979 and a priest in 1980. She was consecrated in 1989 as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Massachusetts. She was the first female bishop in the Anglican Communion. Retiring in 2002 she remained an active member in The Episcopal Church. Bishop Harris was known for her dedication to social justice and inclusion which were always a part of her ministry. Her vitality, candidness, her passion, compassion, and kindheartedness were among her many traits. She was a prophet, a champion of God’ s justice and witness to God’ s grace. Bishop Harris was a leading example of Christian faith and witness.”

Explanation: The Diocese of Olympia is proud to join with Dioceses around the church and the Union of Black Episcopalians in presenting to General Convention this request to honor Bishop Barbara Harris by celebrating her witness and ministry on the day of her death and including her in A Great Cloud of Witnesses.