

Proposer of Resolution: Eleanor Roosevelt Sub-Committee of the Liturgical Committee (Rt. Rev. Allen Shin, Chair)

Parish or Organization: Diocese of New York

Title of Resolution: Establishment of Diocesan-Wide Commemorations of Eleanor Roosevelt on Human Rights Day, December 10

Text of Resolution:

Resolved, that the 249th Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of New York authorize, encourage, and support annual local commemorations of Eleanor Roosevelt on Human Rights Day, December 10; and be it further

Resolved, that these commemorations should use the following propers:

Collect: Holy and everliving God, we give thanks for Eleanor Roosevelt and all those who have championed human rights for all people. Guide us to follow her example to respect the dignity of every human being that we, too, may be the instruments of hope and healing to those who suffer and are living in despair; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hebrew Bible: Isaiah 56:5-8

Psalm: 133

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Resolved, that The Episcopal Diocese of New York will request the NEXT General Convention of The Episcopal Church, meeting in DATE DATE, to include and enter Eleanor Roosevelt in the Calendar of the Church year on December 10, Human Rights Day.

Explanation:

At the 246th Diocesan Convention, a resolution was passed that the Diocese of New York would create a task force to encourage local commemorations of Eleanor Roosevelt, including liturgical guidance, with an eye towards requesting Eleanor's inclusion in the Calendar of the Church Year at General Convention in 2024. While we missed that deadline, this resolution represents that work continuing. Liturgies commemorating Eleanor Roosevelt and her work for universal human rights have already taken place within the diocese. We believe that she deserves to be added to the Calendar, and that the diocese should work to build momentum towards that goal.

The propers were decided upon through a collaborative process. The Liturgical Committee of the Diocese of New York created a sub-committee, consisting of Rt. Rev. Allen Shin, Rev. Matthew

Wright, and Rev. Flourish Klink, who composed the propers with the help of many others, including laypeople.