

TEMA/TÍTULO: Calendario eclesiástico: Conmemoración de John Jay

PROPONENTE: Diocese of Newark

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- 1 *Se resuelve*, con la aprobación de la Cámara de _____ que la 76ª Convención General
2 recomiende el nombre de John Jay a la Comisión Permanente de Liturgia y Música para su
3 consideración de la posible adición del Presidente de la Corte Jay al Calendario de la Iglesia
4 Episcopal para su conmemoración el 17 de mayo, el día de su fallecimiento, y solicita que
5 reporte sobre este asunto a la 77ª Convención General.
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EXPLANATION:

Our church calendar celebrates only one American layman, Jonathan Daniels, a seminarian. To amend this omission, commemoration of John Jay is proposed. Jay (December 12, 1745 - May 17, 1829) was a "founding father" of state and church: President of the Continental Congress and first Chief Justice of the United States, an associate of William White (the first Presiding Bishop and chaplain to the Continental Congress) and delegate to the convention that framed the church's Constitution in a way commendable to the English Church. He personally paved the way for the Archbishop of Canterbury's consecration of the second, third and fourth bishops of The Episcopal Church (the first having been ordained by bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church), thereby fostering the emergence of the Anglican Communion. Jay was a charter member of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (the corporate title of The Episcopal Church). According to his biographer, "Unlike many of the other Founders, Jay was an openly religious man. He quoted from and paraphrased the Bible in his political papers; he served as a leader of his parish church and of the national church; and he was a [founder and] president of the American Bible Society." His social conscience was formed as an abolitionist as early as 1777. A founder of the Society for Promoting the Manumission of Slaves and the African Free School, he crusaded for the phased abolition of slavery in New York, signing the 1799 Abolition Act as Governor of New York. He was a graduate of Kings College (now Columbia University), warden of Trinity Church, Wall Street, and a founding member and warden of St Matthew's Church in Bedford, Westchester County. Jay married Sarah Livingston at her home in Elizabeth, New Jersey (then Elizabeth Town) in 1774 and his family lived in New Jersey through most of the Revolutionary War while New York City was under British occupation.