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TITLE: Sending a Resolution to General Convention for the Commemoration of the Reverend Canon Thomas Logan Sr. in the Calendar of Saints of the Episcopal Church

Whereas the 239th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania having established a local commemoration of Fr. Logan in 2022, which has been celebrated faithfully with services at Calvary-St. Augustine, African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, and St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Yeadon;

Resolved, that the 243rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania submit the following resolution to 82nd General Convention, calling on that body to direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to add The Reverend Canon Thomas Wilson Stearly Logan Sr., D.D. as an official Commemoration of the Episcopal Church.

Explanation:

The application of Canon Thomas Wilson Stearly Logan Sr. D.D. offers another meaningful way to understand that his extraordinary journey qualifies him for sainthood in the Episcopal Church. For Canon Logan Sr. the journey began with family. His father was the Rev. John R. Logan Sr., Rector of St. Simon the Cyrenian, an Episcopal Church of Philadelphia (PA.) for more than fifty years. He also taught his older brother, Rev. John R. Logan Jr., who succeeded his father at St Simon's in Philadelphia in the ways of God and service to mankind. Canon Logan Sr.'s orientation expands historically to include family ties to Bishop Henry Beard Delany, D.D. the first African American Bishop Suffragan elected in the Episcopal Church.

After public schooling, Canon Logan Sr. attended Lincoln University (PA.) whose religious founders intentionally admitted Black men to study the liberal arts in 1854, a development that offered a profound

contrast with the history of the nation's founders, most of whom were landed gentry and slaveholders. Canon Logan Sr. continued his journey into the priesthood by serving as deacon and curate at St Philip's Episcopal Church in New York City where his ministry developed in a church with a deep commitment to social movements, especially the Abolitionist and Women's movements, under the ministry of the Rev. Peter Williams.

From New York's St. Philip's, Canon Logan Sr. returned to Philadelphia to become the Vicar at St. Michael's and All Angels which merged and became Calvary Episcopal Church and is now Calvary St. Augustine. However, its historical mission was that it became one of the first interracial parishes in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, therefore creating history by linking the ministries of Canon Logan Sr. with Pennsylvania's Bishop William White, who ordained the Most Rev. Absalom Jones as the first African American ordained in the Episcopal Church.

The significance and importance of the ministry of Canon Logan Sr is that it grew from a distinct path of religious training at home, shaped a consciousness of service in clergy assignments and ministry in the Episcopal Church. Canon Logan Sr.'s walk in faith to serve the Master, as he called the Lord, was a destiny both spiritual and integral with his personality and family.

Shaped by the impact of family especially from his father, Rev. John R. Logan Sr, his brother Rev. John R. Logan Jr, and then to a third unbroken generation of Episcopal priests with the ordination of Rev. Thomas Logan Jr. the social history of the Episcopal Church, particularly about the racial divide, the life of Canon Thomas Wilson Stearly Logan Sr. D.D. belongs with the Saints of the Episcopal Church, to be known and used by all, beginning now, and in generations to come to the Glory of God the Father and the Son. Amen.

In 2022, the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania passed a resolution establishing a diocesan feast day to recognize the life and legacy of Canon Thomas S. Logan, Sr. Now that the diocese has celebrated his life for three consecutive years we ask the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania to send his name forward to the next General convention in Phoenix, Arizona in accordance with how the General Convention inducts Holy Men and Women of the Church.