

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN UTAH

RESOLUTION FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2015

[Please leave this language on your form:] In order that debate may be directed toward the resolution and not toward its justification, only the "RESOLVED..." will be moved. The explanation of the resolution will, however, be distributed to delegates. Resolutions may be submitted to the Convention by the Bishop, Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, a member of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, a Warden, a delegate to the Convention, a Diocesan Council representative of any Region of the Diocese, a Vestry, A Bishop's Committee, a Congregation, a Diocesan Commission or a Diocesan Committee.

TOPIC: "To add Daniel Sylvester Tuttle, George William Foote and Edward Nichols Goddard to the Liturgical Calendar as found in A Great Cloud of Witnesses"

1 RESOLVED: The 110th Convention of the Diocese of Utah, meeting in Salt Lake City
2 urges the Standing Commission on Theology, Liturgy and Music to propose to the 79th
3 General Convention the addition of the Right Reverend Daniel Sylvester Tuttle (1837-
4 1923), the Reverend George William Foote (1843-1913) and the Reverend Edwards
5 Nichols Goddard (1834-1911) to the liturgical calendar by inclusion in *A Great Cloud of*
6 *Witnesses*, thus honoring those who most significantly helped develop the Church in
7 the western continental United States; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be appropriately transmitted to the
10 Office of the General Convention and the Standing Commission on Theology, Liturgy
11 and Music by the Secretary, and supported through efforts of the General Convention
12 Deputation of this Diocese.

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Moved by Kurt Cook and Russ Pack

Congregation/Organization: Cathedral Church of St. Mark
and St. Paul's Episcopal Church (SLC)

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EXPLANATION A resolution asking the 77th General Convention meeting in Indianapolis, 2012, to include these three individuals in *Holy Women, Holy Men*, was passed by the Diocese of Utah, meeting in Convention in 2011. The General Convention then passed the resolution proffered by Diocese of Utah and thus commended the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to include Tuttle, Foote and Goddard to be included the three in the calendar. The Commission, however, and much to the great disappointment to the Deputations from Montana, Utah, Missouri and Idaho, chose to not include these three in their recommendation for those to be included to the 78th General Convention meeting in Salt Lake City.

Not willing to let the matter die, and believing that the entire church should be informed and then celebrate these individuals, several members of the four Deputations pledged to make a concerted effort to again try and persuade the Commission to include these pioneers who were instrumental to bringing the church to the over 315,000 square mile missionary district of Montana, where at first the only modes of transportation were horseback or stagecoach. (Included with the proposers of this resolution as those willing to work on this joint effort are the Reverend Canon Lucinda Ashby of Idaho, the Reverend Doris Westfall of the Diocese of Missouri, and the Reverend Canon Mary June Nestler of Utah, and the Rev Bradley Wirth of Montana)

For those unfamiliar with the story of these three the following is offered:

On May 23, 1867, newly consecrated Bishop Tuttle and the Reverend Edward N. Goddard left New York for Salt Lake City where they would join the Reverend George Foote, Bishop Tuttle's Brother-in-law, in establishing the Episcopal Church in Utah, Idaho and Montana.

Edward N. Goddard worked tirelessly to extend ministry to rail workers and miners, especially in Montana, which became a foundation for church expansion in the inter-mountain area. Rev. Goddard encountered many perils throughout his ministry, including nearly drowning as he crossed a swollen creek while on visitation with Bishop Tuttle in June 1870.

George W. Foote is credited with initially bringing the Episcopal Church to the Missionary District while Bishop-elect Tuttle awaited consecration. He also spearheaded the development of the church's educational ministry; his efforts are still apparent today in Rowland Hall-St. Mark's School of Salt Lake City and its association with the Episcopal Diocese of Utah.

Daniel Sylvester Tuttle traveled the district extensively establishing multiple parishes, a hospital, and preaching stations and later served as the 13th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church while Bishop of Missouri. All told, Bishop Tuttle served as a bishop for fifty six years.

All three dedicated clergy travelled west before the transcontinental railroad's completion at great personal risk, including armed confrontations between Native Americans and white settlers. In spite of these difficulties, these clergy raised considerable funds from East Coast donors and locally from a variety of faiths, with goals of developing the church, of fighting polygamy, and of establishing medical and educational institutions and ministries where there were none. Each contributing his own talents, they launched a church that thrived on ecumenism and created a progressive foundation that would foster activists for social justice and peace, such as Bishop Paul Jones whom we honor on September 4th.

Fiscal Note: N/A _____