Resolution C: Paris Pledge

As amended; Passed

Whereas, The Presiding Bishop has made the Fifth Mark of Mission, environmental stewardship, an emphasis of his ministry, and

Whereas, Interfaith Power and Light has challenged congregations to take the “Paris Pledge” to strive for a 50% carbon emission reduction by 2030 and a goal of being carbon neutral by 2050; therefore be it

Resolved, That this 37th Convention of the Diocese of El Camino Real calls upon the Diocesan Staff and the Board of Trustees to take the "Paris Pledge" for Sargent House; and be it further

Resolved, That deaneries and each deanery clericus be encouraged to engage in education and discussion of the spiritual and moral implications of climate change; and encourages all congregations to discover their current carbon footprint, to consider taking the “Paris Pledge,” and to take all necessary actions to reduce their negative impact on the planet; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees is called to present the 38th Convention with a report about steps that have been taken throughout the diocese.

EXPLANATION

· As Christians, we are called to be active and faithful stewards of Creation - this is encapsulated in the 5th Mark of Mission developed by the Anglican Consultative Council “To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.” In addition, climate change is the foremost social justice issue of our age.
· Although the US has withdrawn from the historic Paris Accord, there is much that people of faith can do individually and in their congregations to put into place practices that honor its intention to radically reduce our creation of harmful emissions.
· For more information, please see http://www.parispledge.org/ and additional resources see here for 25 things you can do for less than $25 http://www.coolcongregations.org/start-up-kit/start-up-kit -for-congregations/25-steps/

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