

## **Proposed Resolution Regarding the Adoption of Guidelines for the Environmental Reformation of the Diocese of Los Angeles**

**Resolved**, that the One Hundred Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles, in order to align the Diocese with the guidelines presented in the churchwide “[Episcopal Covenant to Care of Creation - Putting it into Practice](#),” and General Convention 2022 (GC80) Resolutions [A020](#), [A087](#), and [D064](#), encourage the Bishop and Diocesan Council to identify and implement practical, cost-effective measures to address climate change in the day-to-day operation of the diocese; and be it further

**Resolved**, that Diocesan Council identify in detail, during fiscal year 2023, the costs and requirements to achieve certified carbon neutrality for the Diocese and its institutions, in accord with GC80 [A087](#), Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030; and be it further

**Resolved**, that Diocesan Council prepare a plan to measurably reduce the carbon footprint of travel by diocesan officials, employees, and deputies; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Diocese and congregations develop plans for the cost-effect installation of solar panels on appropriate properties within the Diocese; and be it further

**Resolved**, that Diocesan Council develop plans for the creation of a climate finance program to empower individuals, households, and congregations throughout the Diocese to implement common-sense measures to address climate change; and be it further

**Resolved**, that Diocesan Council will work to educate, heighten awareness and provide resources addressing climate change and the care of God's creation to all children, youth and adults in the life of the Diocese; and be it further

**Resolved**, that Diocesan Council will work with the Bishop’s Commission on Climate Change to advocate for local, statewide, and federal regulation to address the systemic causes of climate change; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Bishop’s Commission on Climate Change be asked to host a climate change town hall webinar in 2023, to educate and encourage further climate action within congregations and the Diocese; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Bishop’s Commission on Climate Change be asked to establish working relationships with similar groups active in other California dioceses; and be it further

**Resolved**, that Diocesan Council will prepare a written and verbal report to the One Hundred Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Diocese which will outline potential budget and staffing implications as well as a plan for implementing these practical measures in the life of the Diocese; and be it further

**Resolved**, that each congregation be asked to name a liaison to the Bishop's Commission on Climate Change, for the purpose of receiving information and reporting on the implementation of efforts to address climate change.

**Explanation:**

Across the Church, dioceses and diocesan institutions have begun to implement practical measures to address climate change (See: [Resolution #3, 2021](#), Diocese of California, Carbon Sequestration – Creates an Internal Carbon Offset Program; [Resolution 20-03](#), Diocese of San Diego, Advancing Creation Care through Clean Renewable Energy for EDSO Churches). The General Convention has also made moves toward practical actions for the Church in its quotidian operation (See: [2018-A014](#), Create a Pilot Carbon Offset Program; [2018-D053](#), Stewardship of Creation with Church-Owned Land). Adopting this resolution will direct the Diocese to study and responsibly implement practices that will cut down on the Diocese's contributions to climate change.

Respectfully submitted by the Bishop's Commission on Climate Change:

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