

Proposed Resolution Regarding the Diocese of Los Angeles’s Commitment to Engage with the Episcopal Church’s Covenant for the Care of Creation

Resolved, that the One Hundred Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles, adopts the principles outlined in the Episcopal [Church’s Covenant for Care of Creation](#) – to grow our love for the Earth and all of life through preaching, teaching, storytelling and prayer; to stand alongside marginalized, vulnerable peoples, in order to advocate and act to repair Creation and seek the liberation and flourishing of all people; and to adopt practical ways of reducing our climate and other ecological impacts and living more humbly and gently on Earth as individuals, households, congregations, institutions, and as a diocese – as guidelines for diocesan action on matters of policy, administration, and governance concerning matters of creation care and climate change.

Explanation:

The Diocese of Los Angeles has committed itself repeatedly to environmental principles (See: [Resolution regarding Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change](#), 2006; [Resolution regarding the Sacredness of Water and Environmental Sustainability](#), 2011; [Resolution regarding Divestment](#), 2014). So has the General Convention of the Episcopal Church (See: [2018-C008](#), Encourage Sustainable Choices to Combat Climate Change; [1991-A195](#), Affirm Environmental Responsibility and an Environmental Stewardship Team, as well as the resolutions from General Convention 2022 (GC80): [A020](#), [A087](#), and [D064](#), and [House of Bishops closing statement expressing “Mind of the House” on climate and our vocation in Christ](#)). Other dioceses in California have already committed themselves to this Covenant (For example, see: [Resolution 21-06](#), Diocese of San Diego, Putting into Practice Locally the Episcopal Covenant for the Care of Creation). By adopting the principles set out in the Covenant for Creation Care, the Diocese of Los Angeles will be equipped with a theological framework for individual and corporate action on matters of environmental stewardship and climate change.

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

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