

Church of England Synod Resolutions

Sharing God's Planet - Synod motion

(as carried - February 2005)

That this Synod:

- a. commend *Sharing God's Planet* as a contribution to Christian thinking and action on environmental issues;
 - b. challenge itself and all members of the Church of England to make care for creation, and repentance for its exploitation, fundamental to their faith, practice, and mission;
 - c. lead by example by promoting study on the scale and nature of lifestyle change necessary to achieve sustainability, and initiatives encouraging immediate action towards attaining it;
 - d. encourage parishes, diocesan and national Church organizations to carry out environmental audits and adopt specific and targeted measures to reduce consumption of non-renewable resources and ask the Mission and Public Affairs Council to report on outcomes achieved to the July 2008 group of sessions;
 - e. welcome Her Majesty's Government's prioritising of climate change in its chairing of the G8 and its forthcoming presidency of the European Union;
 - f. urge Her Majesty's Government to provide sustained and adequate funding for research into, and development of, environmentally friendly sources of energy; and
 - g. in order to promote responsible use of God's created resources and to reduce and stabilise global warming, commend to
 - i. the consumers of material and energy, the approach of 'contraction and convergence'; and to
 - ii. the producers of material and energy systems, safe, secure and sustainable products and processes based on near-zero-carbon-emitting sources.
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