

Motion regarding Greening Niagara

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Whereas every aspect of life, both human and non-human, is being gravely affected by the current environmental crisis, in such areas as irrefutable climate change; destabilization of agriculture and food supply; unprecedented levels of natural resource depletion; serious pollution of air, water, and land and

Whereas our 2007 Diocesan Youth Synod passed a motion “requesting the Secretary of Synod to designate global warming as the social justice theme of Diocesan Synod 2007” and

Whereas PWRDF, KAIROS and the General Synod Partners in Mission and Ecojustice Committee have made ecological justice issues arising from climate change a priority and created and compiled resources for parishes to use to assist in reducing their ecological footprints and

Whereas the Church has a responsibility to take a leadership position in re-establishing humanity's niche within our natural ecology.

Be it resolved:

THAT this Synod call upon each parish in the diocese to curtail green house gas emissions by setting targets for reducing energy consumption and asks that achievements be reported to the annual Vestry meeting of the parish and

THAT this Synod further request our Bishop to appoint a committee to support and encourage this work by developing a Green Parish Accreditation Program along the lines of that developed by the Diocese of New Westminster in 2006.

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