

Substitute Resolution #3:

BE IT RESOLVED, the 53rd annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai'i urges Diocesan and congregational leadership, drawing upon previous initiatives and positions of The Episcopal Church and of the Diocese dealing with the climate crisis and global warming, to urgently accelerate and expand the level of discourse on these topics with the members of the congregations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 53rd annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai'i urges each congregation or group of congregations in proximity to one another to:

- 1) Form a "Green Team" and begin by identifying one member to act as an "Environmental Coordinator" who will serve as a liaison to the Diocesan Creation Care and Environmental Justice Task Force.
- 2) Communicate with members of the Diocesan Creation Care and Environmental Justice Task Force for support around creation care and environmental justice work. Discuss resources needed for this work and available for this work.
- 3) Undertake an energy audit for all buildings of the congregations in order to reduce the church's carbon footprint with the support of the Diocesan Creation Care and Environmental Justice Task Force.
- 4) Implement actions that address our waste through reducing, reusing, and recycling with the support of the Diocesan Creation Care and Environmental Justice Task Force.
- 5) Prioritize care for God's creation through the mission, liturgy, prayer life, education, work, and budget of the Diocese and each congregation with the support of the Diocesan Creation Care and Environmental Justice Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 53rd annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai'i requests that the Bishop, the Diocesan Support Center Staff and the Diocesan Council monitor the creation of such "Green Teams" and report to the Diocese on the progress of their creation by April 1, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 53rd annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai'i requests that the Bishop and Diocesan Council provide grants in the 2022 budget and/or in future Diocesan budgets to assist congregations with "greening" their buildings (e.g., LED lightbulbs, energy efficiency improvements, etc.) and to help with the cost of energy audits if need be, and report to the Diocese on the possibility of such grants in 2022 by February 1, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 53rd annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai'i directs that the Commission on Investments to confirm to Diocesan Council and the Diocese that Diocesan investments follow the socially responsible guidelines of The Episcopal Church including non-investment in companies (and funds) where more than 10% of revenue is derived from fossil fuels and encourages the investment in alternative investments that support renewable energy and carbon-free energy sources, and report to the Diocese on the status of our socially responsible investing by April 1, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 53rd annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i acknowledges that human-caused climate change disproportionately affects those that have been least responsible for these changes, who have the least amount of power and resources to alter their circumstances, and/or who have been overlooked as possible guides for alternative and sustainable livelihoods.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 53rd annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i urge the Bishop, Standing Committee, Clergy and all Episcopalians in this Diocese to be actively engaged with the political and policy leadership of Hawai‘i and of the United States to advocate for such action that will immediately address the climate crisis and global warming recognizing the public health and even existential crisis facing our Islands and God’s world with the support of the Diocesan Creation Care and Environmental Justice Task Force and the resources of The Episcopal Church.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 53rd annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i commit this Diocese to making Creation Care and Environmental Justice a priority in mission through formation, funding, and advocacy.