

Resolution 3

TITLE: Creation Care

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BE IT RESOLVED, that this the 50th annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i urges the Bishop to appoint a Task Force on Creation Care to address the scientific, cultural, theological and ethical realities of climate change, and its impact on our Islands and the world, now and in the future;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this the 50th annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i ask that such Task Force provide opportunities for education on and possible plans for action regarding care of God’s creation for individuals, families, churches and communities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this the 50th annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i ask the Bishop and the Diocesan Council to review the 2019 budget to provide possible funding to begin the work of the Task Force from existing areas of the budget;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this the 50th annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i urge the Bishop, clergy and lay leaders at all levels to make Creation Care a priority for advocacy, education and action in the Diocese of Hawai‘i.

RATIONALE/ EXPLANATION

It is apparent to almost every thinking person that our worldwide climate is changing. We read about what is happening throughout the earth in books, magazines and newspapers. We hear about it on T.V., radio and on our computers. There are numerous documentaries and movies. Our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has "creation care" as one of his three priorities. Other faith groups, denominations and dioceses of the Episcopal Church have started to address this problem. There are "movements" throughout the world addressing climate change. The recent General Convention of the Episcopal Church passed 19 resolutions on the "Care of God's Creation". Grace Episcopal Cathedral, San Francisco, last month (09/12/18) stepped forward and played a prominent role in a Global Climate Action Summit. We are being called as followers of Jesus Christ and stewards of God's creation to become well informed and to become action oriented. The Episcopal Church in Hawaii is called to be more than bystanders.