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At the Provincial Synod of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, the following measure was passed in order to “green” the Canons.

Canon 1

OF THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD Printing Committee

[Communication should as far as possible be electronic.]”

CANON 15 OF ARCHDEACONS

Role of archdeacons

[The Archdeacon shall ensure that the Parish put in place ways to reduce its electricity, water and paper usage]

Building

The Archdeacon [or some other person who shall have been appointed for such work] shall examine and report to the Bishop upon all plans for the building or restoration or alteration of churches and other buildings, the property of the Church. [bearing in mind the commitment to being environmentally friendly,]

Canon 16 OF DECLARATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS TO BE MADE BY BISHOPS AND

CLERGY

[I commit myself to a lifestyle which safeguards the integrity of creation and sustains and renews the life of the earth].

Canon 20 OF LAY MINISTERS

Duties of Lay ministers

Include ministry advancing the Anglican Communion marks of mission.]

Canon 23 OF PASTORAL CHARGES

Extra-parochial ministries

Missions to railway workers, [seamen] [seafarers], [environmentalists] or other special classes of people where the Bishop thinks fit to provide for them apart from

the jurisdiction of the Incumbent licensed to the Pastoral Charge in which they are territorially situated or with which they are territorially coincident.

Canon 24

OF INCUMBENTS AND OTHER CLERICS

Add to duties of incumbent

take responsibility to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth within the parish boundaries]

CANON 31: ALTERATIONS TO CHURCH BUILDINGS

[Alterations shall be made taking into account their environmental impact].

Canon 32: OF REGISTERS, RECORDS AND INVENTORIES

[(g)] [ensure that electricity and water bills are audited, and necessary actions taken to reduce such bills].

Canon 33 OF THE SERVICES OF THE CHURCH

5. Special Services

All Public Fasts and Thanksgivings [and Environmental days] enjoined by authority shall in this Province be religiously observed, and every Bishop shall give directions to the Clergy of [his] [the] Diocese as to the form of Prayer which they are to use on such occasions.”

Canon 43 OF THE PROVINCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE

Additional function: assist in the direction of and co-ordinate the work of publications, mission, religious education, justice and reconciliation, youth, spirituality, [the environment], communications and other matters in which this Church may be engaged, and to establish appropriate structures, where necessary, for these or other purposes;