



MOTION ARISING FROM CONFERENCE OF SYNOD:

THE ENVIRONMENT

Revd F Maupa, seconded by Mr S Cozett, moved:

THAT THIS SYNOD:

1. Thanks the ACT Vision Team and the environment interim task team for the work done in developing the objectives and the proposals in respect of the environment;
2. Endorses the seven environmental proposals. The motions in the sitting of Provincial Synod in respect of the ACSA Environment Network and UNFCCC COP 17 are in keeping with these proposals;
3. Requests that consideration be given to the inclusion of an 8th action task to be added: The establishment of a prophetic voice through an advocacy group;
4. Suggests that in planning the implementation:
 - a. The advocacy group be requested to engage in meetings with leading Anglicans in business and industry and with mining magnets
 - b. The Diocesan Environmental Coordinators be tasked with setting up Diocesan Environmental Desks staffed by people with passion
 - c. That material be developed and disseminated that will raise awareness at parish level of the crisis confronting us
 - d. Provide support, encouragement and training for all Diocesan Environment Coordinators and especially those from dioceses outside South Africa
 - e. That all dioceses be included in the communication networks and forum.

AGREED

MOTION 12: UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE: 17TH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (UNFCCC COP 17)

Mr S Cozett, seconded by Advocate M Maraqana, moved:

THAT THIS SYNOD

1. Noting that

- 1.1. this Synod believes it essential that we people live in harmony with the rest of God's creation in order to bring about a sustainable future, and

- 1.2. climate change and the increasing extinction of much of life is threatening this sustainability;
2. Resolves to call
 - 2.1 on our Church to encourage participation in preparations for the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change: 17th Conference of the Parties to be held in South Africa in 2011;
 - 2.2 on the governments of Southern Africa, particularly South Africa as the largest carbon emitter in Africa, to set an example regarding the steps we need to take to reduce our carbon emissions by pursuing 'a green economy' and low carbon energy generation.

AGREED

MOTION 11: THE ACSA ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

Mr S Cozett, seconded by Bishop P Glover (Dean of the Province), moved:

THAT THIS SYNOD,

1. noting that

- 1.1 the Synod of Bishops have resolved to establish the Provincial Environment Network, with the responsibility to lead environmental awareness and action throughout the Church of Southern Africa, and
- 1.2 Provincial Standing Committee has resolved to:
 - 1.2.1 encourage dioceses, parishes, and our members to reduce their carbon emissions in order to help bring the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere to the level of 350 parts per million, the maximum level of carbon dioxide allowable for a sustainable future,
 - 1.2.2 annually celebrate the Season of Creation,
 - 1.2.3 encourage dioceses and parishes to become eco-congregations and to become members of the Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute (SAFCEI), the implementation agency for eco-congregations;

2. recognizes

- 2.1. the need for implementation and coordinated activities at diocesan level and parish level, in order to obtain large-scale involvement in environmental action throughout the Province;
- 2.2. that activities are undertaken in dioceses and parishes that the Environment Network may not be aware of;
- 2.3. that the current members of the Environment Network have over the past five years invested a substantial amount of their time and energy into the formation of the SAFCEI;
- 2.4. that the Environment Network in its current form is unable to coordinate the environmental activities undertaken throughout the Province;

3. resolves that

- 3.1 each diocese identifies an Environmental Coordinator and forward this name to the Provincial Champion by the end of December 2010
- 3.2 the diocesan coordinators together with the Provincial Champion form the Environment Network.

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