

Creation Care Network
Sept 12, 2022
Notes

Pam Harris, Deputy from Northern Indiana walked us through some of the resolutions.

A020

<https://www.vbinder.net/resolutions/37?house=HD&lang=en>

The resolution references:

Sustainable Development Goals: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

Tool for SDG auditing

<https://www.unglobalcompact.org/take-action/sdg-action-manager>

Actions:

- Diocesan resolutions
- “telling stories” – where are opportunities?
- Perhaps story telling is a better entry point than audits

A087 – Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030

<https://www.vbinder.net/resolutions/87?house=HD&lang=en>

Funding: \$70,000 / year

Part time specialist to coordinate

Action:

- Follow up with bishops on this one: “request the diocesan bishops of every diocese to begin to build networks of landowners and creation trustees in each diocese who will devote portions of their land to reforestation, prairie restoration, wetland and coastland preservation; adopt and share regenerative agricultural and ranching practices; collaborate with neighboring dioceses for best water practices to protect our watersheds; collaborate on creative means of distributing food; and pray for future generations dependent on the land and water we steward”
- Talking about “green grass” – and how to do something differently with land.

A088: Commit to the Pressing Work of Addressing Global Climate Change and Environmental Justice

<https://www.vbinder.net/resolutions/88?house=HD&lang=en>

thoughts:

- That The Episcopal Church direct the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network to advocate for legislation and other public policies that directly address the impact of climate change among marginalized, indigenous, and frontline communities and that tangibly and financially assist those communities with the costs of both climate change and mitigation, and policies that prohibit the authorization and construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure including but not limited to coal, oil, or gas leases on public lands, all forms of mountaintop removal mining, and tar sands pipelines such as Keystone XL, Enbridge Line #3, and the Dakota Access Pipeline. (paragraph 5)
 - o Pam says: no energy producing is carbon neutral. Human beings are producers of carbon
- That General Convention encourage all Church communities, especially parishes, dioceses, camps, conference centers, schools, and chaplaincies, to learn more about the pressing moral implications of climate change in their regions and existing local organizing efforts, then advocate for policies and solutions to address those local needs utilizing and adapting advocacy resources from General Convention and the Presiding Bishop's staff including the Episcopal Public Policy Network, asset map, carbon tracker, liturgical resources, and advocating at the local and state level, and incorporating local nature, environmental justice, and advocacy for creation care into all aspects of community life and Christian education. (paragraph 6)
 - o KY is looking at passing a resolution that the camps do ecological education in every session

C015 – Carbon Sequestration - Creates An Internal Carbon Offset Program

<https://www.vbinder.net/resolutions/128?house=HD&lang=en>

- Ran out of time and didn't discuss this one

C016 – Climate Change - Carbon-Intensive Lending

<https://www.vbinder.net/resolutions/129?house=HD&lang=en>

- Ran out of time and didn't discuss this one

Question for the group:

How might we take and encourage action on these items?

Should we be writing to the bishops about A087, paragraph 8? It could be a simple letter that each person can send on to their bishops.

Other topics:

1. Have an in-person gathering in 2023? Catherine, Jerry, and Heather will explore.
2. This is a link to the environmental action plan that David Emory Stooksbury (Athens, GA) helped the Archdiocese (Roman) of Atlanta to developed. It has been adopted by many Catholic groups around the world.
<https://archatl.com/laudato-si/>