

WCR 1325 Resolution on The Climate Emergency (adopted April 25, 2023)

Whereas, Scientists have made it clear that humanity is facing a global climate emergency; and

Whereas, 1,873 jurisdictions in 33 countries have made climate emergency declarations (as of 4th February 2021); and

Whereas, The United Nations has called for governments, companies, and individuals to take action to prevent global warming reaching 1.5 degrees centigrade (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial levels; and

Whereas, People are showing increased concern over climate change through demonstrations, actions, and strikes; and

Whereas, The Earth Stewardship Team was established as a standing committee by World Conference action in 1992 to focus on issues of environment and development and to give guidance to the church; and

Whereas, Doctrine and Covenants Section 163:4b states “The earth, lovingly created as an environment for life to flourish, shudders in distress because creation’s natural and living systems are becoming exhausted from carrying the burden of human greed and conflict. Humankind must awaken from its illusion of independence and unrestrained consumption without lasting consequences.”; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Community of Christ joins with others in declaring a climate emergency; and be it further

Resolved, That administrative representatives at every jurisdictional level (world, mission centre, and congregation) are encouraged to:

- a. take responsibility for reducing carbon emissions resulting from Church activities and encourage individuals to do the same;
- b. consider the impact of climate change on the environment when reviewing policies and strategies; and
- c. support those organizations and community groups that peaceably raise awareness of climate change and/or peaceably take action to limit global warming; and be it further

Resolved, That resources be developed and/or identified by the church in coordination with the Earth Stewardship Team and others to assist leaders and individuals in identifying ways to reduce carbon emissions.

Resolved, That we as individuals can use our personal power to change our consumption habits, share our desires for a more sustainable world in our communities, with our employers, and those who represent us politically.