

Amendment to be moved by the Reverend Dr Darrell Hannah

Delete all words after ‘That this Synod, affirming the fifth mark of mission (“to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth”), concerned by the scientific evidence that climate change is proceeding at a rapid rate and by the impact of climate events:”

and insert the following

- a) declares a Climate Emergency;
- b) urges this Diocese, the General Synod and all Anglican leaders to speak out about climate change and its impacts;
- c) mindful of the General Synod resolution calling dioceses to examine what would be required to reach net zero emissions by 2030, urges this Diocese to achieve year-on-year reductions consonant with at least reaching 70% cuts by 2030 and net zero by 2035, or as soon thereafter as is possible;
- d) urges the National Investment Bodies of the Church of England and the Church Commissioners to prioritise investment in renewable energy, and that appropriate committees prioritise creation care in their administrative processes;
- e) urges Anglican leaders to further develop pre- and post-ordination and lay training to deepen understanding in how care for the earth is part of our Christian faith and a missional imperative;
- f) urges Anglican leaders and all Christians to seek to support the poorest in the world who are suffering the most from the impacts of climate change, in the awareness that our nation has been among those who have benefited most from the emissions that has caused the crisis;
- g) commends all Christians to consider their individual responsibilities and how they may change and engage in actions that care for creation;
- h) commits to pray earnestly and regularly about the climate crisis: for all peoples to value God’s earth and its creatures and for urgent action by individuals, communities and nations to act to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

And instructs that a motion in the following terms be submitted for consideration by the General Synod:

That this synod, affirming the fifth mark of mission, concerned by the scientific evidence that climate change is proceeding at a rapid rate and by the impact of climate events, and seeking to build on the decisions taken with respect to GS 2159

- a) urges the National Investment Bodies of the Church of England to prioritise investment in renewable energy;

b) calls on all parts of the Church of England to review their policies and procedures, in order to ensure that they give due priority to creation care;

c) urges the Church of England to further develop pre- and post-ordination and lay training to deepen understanding in how care for the earth is part of our Christian faith and a missional imperative;

d) urges all parts of the Church of England to seek to support, through prayer, advocacy and practical action, the poorest in the world who are suffering the most from the impacts of climate change, in the awareness that our nation has been among those who have benefited most from the emissions that have caused the crisis;

e) commits earnestly and regularly to pray - and to promote prayer - about the climate and wider environmental crisis.

Amendment to be moved by the Reverend Mark Bennet

To add after (h)

- (i) Recognising the scale of the task, commits itself to ensuring that the Oxford Diocese makes practical preparations to build the capacity to facilitate the changes in our practices, processes and buildings which will be necessary to decrease the carbon footprint of the Diocese and its Parishes on the scale required.

To add after e in the motion for General Synod:

(f) Calls upon all institutions of the Church of England to make urgent practical preparations for the delivery of substantial reduction of the Church's carbon footprint, including, but not restricted to, the following immediate actions in respect of Church buildings:

- (i.1) ensuring that the NCIs are adequately resourced to provide DACs, Buildings Departments, Education Departments and others with authoritative national guidance notes, advice and training on key technical and procedural questions relating to adaptation of buildings for the net zero target; and
- (1.2) ensuring that Parish Buying and other national-level entities have the capacity to engage with manufacturers and suppliers of products and processes recommended for making our buildings more efficient, with a view to using the scale of the national net zero project to achieve both sympathetic design and economies of scale on cost