

LONG-RANGE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

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- 3 WHEREAS, we are experiencing increases in global temperatures, major droughts,
4 unprecedented wildfires, major storms, species extinctions, and massive flooding;
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- 7 WHEREAS, it is the world's poor, who contribute the least to this problem, who will suffer the
8 most from global warming; and
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- 10 WHEREAS, we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves and to be good stewards of God's
11 creation; and
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- 13 WHEREAS, according to many of the world's leading scientists, to avoid these consequences we
14 must stop the growth of global-warming emissions as quickly as possible and reduce
15 global-warming pollution to 1990 levels by 2020 and to 80% below 1990 levels by
16 2050; and
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- 18 WHEREAS, Illinois is the sixth-largest source of global-warming pollution in the nation; and
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- 20 WHEREAS, many churches in the Metropolitan Chicago Synod already have modeled good
21 energy stewardship thanks to the support of the Synod's Environmental Concerns
22 Working Group and organizations such as the Web of Creation and Faith in Place;
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- 25 WHEREAS, in the absence of an adequate federal response, municipalities and religious bodies
26 around the country are creating Climate Action Plans; therefore, be it
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- 28 RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Chicago Synod Council, through the Environmental Concerns
29 Working Group, establish and staff a task force to develop a long-range Climate
30 Action Plan that recommends goals and strategies for measurable improvements in
31 sustainability and environmental stewardship for all of its churches and missions and
32 synod properties and to report back that plan at the 2009 Synod Assembly.
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