

LONG-RANGE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

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