

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A014
TITLE: The Use of Carbon Offsets
PROPOSER: Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
TOPIC: Environment

Directly Related: (Attached)

1979-D144 Call Upon Members to Exercise a Responsible Life Style

Indirectly Related: (Available in the [Acts of Convention](#) database, searchable by resolution number)

2012-B023 Seek Environmental Justice
2009-C070 Endorse *The Genesis Covenant*
2009-D031 Urge Commitment to Lower Carbon Output
2006-B002 Acknowledge and Reduce Global Warming

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(*Blue Book*) Report to General Convention, [Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation](#), see page 588.

In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1976 through 2015, selecting “direct” resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. The “direct” resolutions are attached and “indirect” resolutions are available in the Acts of Convention database. Committee members who require other research assistance should contact the Archives at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.

A014 The Use of Carbon Offsets

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognizes the reality of human-caused climate change through continued reliance on fossil fuel-based transportation; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That by offsetting the impact of the travel done on behalf of The Jesus Movement, the Church witnesses to its care for God's creation; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop's Office to draft a policy in 2018 requiring the use of Carbon Offsets by the Episcopal Church Center and that such a program be tested and piloted during the triennium for the work of The Episcopal Church including the travel of its staff, standing commissions and interim bodies; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That a plan for a broader offset program for all church travel be presented for consideration at the 80th General Convention; and be it further
- 5 *Resolved*, that \$25,000 be allocated for the pilot carbon offset program.

EXPLANATION

No explanation.



Resolution Number: 1979-D144
Title: Call Upon Members to Exercise a Responsible Life Style
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 66th General Convention calls every Member of this Church to exercise a responsible life style based on real personal needs commensurate with a world of limited resources by:

Conserving energy in our homes, jobs, parishes, communities, travels, and leisure activities;

Altering our own eating and consumption habits;

Planning family size in a responsible manner;

and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commends to every Member of this Church the spiritual resources of prayer and meditation and pastoral support as persons encounter the tensions of a changing life style, and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention calls on the several Committees, Commissions, and Agencies of this Church to exercise a responsible life style in planning the meetings and conferences to be held.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 1979* (New York: General Convention, 1980), p. C-125.