

## **R-1: Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030 using Net Zero checklist, Carbon Tracker, and supporting the Communion Forest initiative**

**Resolved** that the 228th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia accelerate ambition from Net Zero by 2045 (AC-2022 R-6) in alignment with General Convention resolution A087 and commit to a goal of net carbon neutrality in its operations and the work of staff, standing commissions, interim bodies, and Annual Convention by 2030, through a combination of reducing emissions from travel, reducing energy use, increasing energy efficiency in buildings, and purchasing offsets from duly investigated, responsible, and ethical partners; and be it further

**Resolved** that the Convention adopt the Church Building Net Zero checklist developed by the Creation Care Task Force as a way to enable planning and progress by congregations, schools, retirement homes, and other Diocesan buildings to achieve Net Zero; and be it further

**Resolved** that the Convention encourage the people of the Diocese of Virginia to learn about and plan actions to reduce their own carbon footprint using the Carbon Tracker [sustainislandhome.org](https://sustainislandhome.org); and be it further

**Resolved** that the Convention pledge to adopt methods of capturing and storing greenhouse gasses through sustainable nature-based, land management solutions and to support the Communion Forest initiative, launched at the Lambeth Conference 2022, to plant trees, practice reforestation and regenerative agriculture, protect forests and other plant communities across the Communion;

And we urge all this for God's sake.

*Submitted by the Creation Care Task Force.*

Lambeth Communion Forest Initiative: <https://www.lambethconference.org/global-environmental-restoration-plan-launched-at-lambeth-conference>

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