

## **Reduction of Our Carbon Footprint**

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**Title of the Resolution:** Reduction of Our Carbon Footprint

Whereas, the dangers posed to our planet, and to the city and environs of New York, by the crisis of Climate Change are well documented and effectively proven; and

Whereas, the most severe effects of Climate Change will be experienced by the poorest and most vulnerable communities among us, and by the immediate next generations which will follow our own; and

Whereas, a fundamental tenet of Christian stewardship is our care and preservation of the Creation; and

Whereas, the Mayor of New York City has announced “New York City’s Green New Deal” by which the city commits to reduce its carbon emissions by 30% by the year 2030.

**TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION(S)**

[1] Resolved, that the 243rd Convention of the Diocese of New York commit itself to adopting the goals of the “New York City Green New Deal” in order to reduce the carbon footprint of its buildings by 30% by 2030; and further

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[2] Resolved, that the parishes and congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of New York be mandated to conduct those environmental studies of their buildings, and especially their heating and cooling systems, necessary to setting reasonable processes by which they may meet the goal of a 30% reduction in their carbon footprint; and further

[3] Resolved, that the parishes and congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of New York make an annual report to the Bishop’s office of their progress toward setting and meeting those goals within the next decade, with that report to be submitted with the annual parochial report; and further

[4] Resolved, that this Convention call upon the Bishop of New York to provide summary information derived from those reports to the 244th Convention and the subsequent ten annual Conventions of the Diocese of New York.

### **Explanation**

This resolution is offered in response to the annual address of the Bishop of New York to the 243rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, and the explanation for this resolution may be found in that address.