

1 **STANDING RESOLUTION #7**  
2 **2021 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

3 **TITLE: Climate Change**

4 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL: MFSA, Peace with Justice Coordinator**

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9 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ACTION: Recommend for approval 19-0-0.**

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11 **This petition is: A renewal of an existing Standing Resolution (no or minor revisions)**

12 We resolve to take positive action to curb emissions which contribute to global climate change. As  
13 stewards of God's creation, we acknowledge our way of living, specifically our use of energy, creates  
14 emissions that affect the climate and threaten all life.

15 We resolve to support the creation of laws and policies that will lead to decreases in the dangerous  
16 emissions that threaten our planet.

17 We encourage members to take simple steps to reduce greenhouse gas emission by driving  
18 conscientiously, by conserving energy in homes and workplaces, and by using alternative energy sources  
19 whenever possible.

20 We recognize that the global climate is already changing and stand ready to participate in the church's  
21 response to the increase in weather-related disasters.

22 We urge local ministry settings and members to be better stewards of the world's resources by  
23 conserving energy. We urge the Annual Conference Sessions Committee to consider alternatives that  
24 would significantly lower the carbon footprint of annual conference, including the potential use of  
25 carbon offsets.

26 More information and resources are available from the United Methodist General Board of Church and  
27 Society, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, and the National Council of Churches, to assist us in  
28 conversation and provide us with information for action.

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30 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

31 **What will these actions accomplish?**

32 It will help us to become a leader and an ally in taking seriously the need to change our policies and  
33 practices to preserve the world God gave us.

34 Perhaps we will become on as the Eco-friendly denomination in our conference and the Greater  
35 Northwest Episcopal area.

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37 **Why is it important?**

38 The massive wildfires on the west coast and Idaho have shown us what climate change can cause. Our  
39 increasingly drier country creates a different climate that is not as resistive to severe weather events.

40 Other areas have experienced increase in hurricanes, tornados and floods, And the freak snowstorm in

1 Texas also shows changes in our weather patterns. Without taking steps to reduce the destructive  
2 causes on our planet, it will not survive.

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4 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**

5 The leadership in each church and ministry setting, the districts and the conference will need to  
6 establish goals and plans coordinated to have the greatest impact on protecting the environment. Costs  
7 will be determined by each level and funds solicited to pay for any associated costs.

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