

CONSENT CALENDAR SR 04

2015 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 TITLE: **CLIMATE CHANGE GLOBAL WARMING**

2 SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL: Methodist Federation for Social Action

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7 This petition is a renewal of an existing Standing Resolution (minor revisions)

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9 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION, AS AMENDED (YELLOW): YES 24, NO 0,**
10 **ABSTAIN 0**

12 Text of the Standing Resolution as it would appear in the Conference Journal:

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

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

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

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

25 We urge local ministry settings and members to be better stewards of the world's resources
26 by conserving energy. More information and resources are available from the United
27 Methodist General Board of Church and Society, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, **and** the
28 National Council of Churches, ~~and Oregon PeaceWorks~~ to assist us in conversation and
29 provide us with information for action.

32 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

33 **What will this action accomplish?**

34 United Methodist voices will be added to the many others who believe that addressing
35 climate change is one of the most important issues we face. We must also "walk the talk" by
36 our willingness to change our lifestyles to help reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.

37 **Why is it important?**

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- 1 Climate change will affect every person on the planet, and it already has affected many.
- 2 Advocating for large-scale change is vital; our personal lifestyle choices are important but
- 3 will not have the impact of the corporate and government change that is vitally important as
- 4 soon as possible.

- 5 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**
- 6 All parts of this should be carried out by individuals and churches through their conscious
- 7 choices in resource and energy use and through their advocacy.
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- 9 **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?**
- 10 Advocacy actions will cost little or nothing.
- 11 Conservation measures will save money.
- 12 Some alternative choices in resources and energy may cost some money. These costs would
- 13 be covered by individuals and congregations as part of their overall stewardship of
- 14 resources.