

United Methodist Church Foundations for Sustainable Meetings

From *United Methodist Women Social Policy Statements and Recommended Actions 1968-2012*

The following statements refer to *The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church 2012*.

Energy Conservation and Alternative Energy Sources and Auditing Existing Energy Usage

- #1001, Energy Policy Statement

Support strenuous efforts to conserve energy and increase energy efficiency. All United Methodists are to be models for energy conservation.

- #1002, U.S. Energy Policy and United Methodist Responsibility

Move beyond dependence on high carbon fossil fuels, managing demand through conservation and energy efficiency, support infrastructure needed for public transportation and ride sharing, conduct an energy audit.

Freeing Ourselves From Toxic Pollution

- #1022, A Dioxin-free Future

Encourage study and evaluation of alternative products and practices that will lead to the reduction and elimination of the use of PVC products.

- #1023, Environmental Justice for a Sustainable Future

Human needs within the capacity of ecosystems.

Support Least Toxic Alternatives and Organic Farming

- #1024, Environmental Law: The Precautionary Principle

Holding society to this higher standard of care for God's creation, including replacing known toxic chemicals with the least toxic alternatives and support organic farming.

The Intersection of Race and Environmental Concerns

- #1025, Environmental Racism

Urging general agencies to become more involved with community groups working to end environmental racism.

The Use of Carpools, Mass Transit and More Careful Management of Ground Water

- **#1026, Environmental Stewardship**

Urging all United Methodists to carpool, use mass transit, more careful management and preservation of ground water sources.

Reduction of Levels of Consumption, Reusing and Recycling

- **#1027, God's Creation and the Church**

Requesting that church agencies be stewards of God's creation by reducing levels of consumption and participating in programs that reuse and recycle goods.

- **#1030, Recycling and the Use of Recycled Products**

Using recycled and processed chlorine free paper and participating in all available recycling programs and advocate for their expansion.

Evaluating Our Carbon Footprint and Reducing Accordingly

- **#1031, Resolution on Global Warming**

Evaluating lifestyles to identify areas where reductions in production and release of greenhouse gases can be made.