

ISSUES AND ACTIONS

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Joint CMSM-LCWR Resolution on Climate Change

Resolution

The Conference of Major Superiors of Men and the Leadership Conference of Women Religious jointly resolve to bring our own experience and charisms to the current conversation on climate change and into action for justice; to seek concrete ways to curb environmental degradation, mitigate its impact on the poorest and most vulnerable people, and restore right relationships among all God's creation; and to foster a consciousness of care for God's creation among all our members, colleagues, institutions and those whom we serve.

Rationale

“And God saw everything that God had made, and behold, it was very good.” (Gn 1:31)

That the earth's climate is warming is no longer a matter of serious scientific controversy. This increase in temperature will likely have widespread consequences, from mass extinctions to devastating impacts on the lives and livelihoods of the poorest and most vulnerable human beings. [The above is taken from the LCWR website]

We Respond...

Our commitment to **The Earth Charter** supports ecological integrity (Principle II, 5)

Adopt at all levels sustainable development plans and regulations that make environmental conservation and rehabilitation integral to all development initiatives.

Establish and safeguard viable nature and biosphere reserves, including wild lands and marine areas, to protect Earth's life support systems, maintain biodiversity, and preserve our natural heritage.

Promote the recovery of endangered species and ecosystems.

Control and eradicate non-native or genetically modified organisms harmful to native species and the environment, and prevent introduction of such harmful organisms.

Manage the use of renewable resources such as water, soil, forest products, and marine life in ways that do not exceed rates of regeneration and that protect the health of ecosystems.

Manage the extraction and use of non-renewable resources such as minerals and fossil fuels in ways that minimize depletion and cause no serious environmental damage.

Our commitment to the **Millennium Development Goals** calls us to “ensure environmental sustainability (#7).
 We are committed to recycling and seeking ways to reduce our carbon footprint.



We have done well and we challenge ourselves to further commitment...

Have a community viewing & discussion on one of the following DVD’s available to you through the Peace & Justice Committee:

- Renewal (stories from America’s Religious-Environmental Movement)
- Too Hot Not To Handle
- Lighten Up! (A Religious Response to Global Warming) The Regeneration Project

See what you can do with Redwood City’s 10 Gallon Challenge

Run the dishwasher only when full	2 gallons
Don’t leave water running while rinsing dishes	5 gallons
Turn off water while brushing teeth (twice daily)	8 gallons
Shorten shower by 2 minutes	5 gallons
Fill the bathtub only half full while bathing	18 gallons
Wash only full loads of clothes	15 gallons
Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways & sidewalks (twice weekly)	22 gallons
Water yard before 6am or after 8pm	20 gallons
Skip washing your car	25 gallons
Adjust sprinklers to avoid overspray onto sidewalks & driveways	20 gallons

