

Passed as amended

RESOLUTION #1 On Creation Care

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- 1 *Resolved*, that the people of the Diocese of Washington, being disciples of Jesus Christ and persons of faith
2 and conscience, taking seriously the biblical mandate to care for God's creation, encourage individuals,
3 parishes, schools, and other church-related organizations:
- 4 • To remember the care of God's creation throughout the year in worship liturgies and in prayer;
 - 5 • To consider adopting the Season of Creation in their worship calendar each year from 1 September
6 (the Global Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (St Francis of Assisi Day) to pray
7 for and celebrate creation, to focus on the story of the Earth, and to commit to a ministry of healing
8 the Earth; and
 - 9 • To serve as a moral example in loving God's creation and responding to the call to **protect, conserve,**
10 **and** preserve this
fragile earth, our island home.