

A Resolution Commending the Presiding Bishop

Resolved, that the 178th convention of the Diocese of Vermont commend the Presiding Bishop on her statements at the Lansing Lee Conference 2009, on Reproductive Ethics, and the need to talk about it; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Vermont commend as well her comments on the fact that "go forth and multiply is one very small piece of scripture" and does not necessarily give an all time definitive "answer to the necessary questions about the limits of creation"; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Vermont commend her thought that although "we are forgiven sin, it does not save us from the consequences of our actions."
And be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Vermont commend her further remarks that if we wish to enjoy "a holy ordered world" with resources for all we need to engage in constructive scientifically informed dialogue, knowing that the world population was about 200 million when Jesus was alive and is now 6.8 billion and predicted to grow to 8.5 billion in the next 25 years; and be it further

Resolved, that the Diocese of Vermont further urge her to continue to exercise her leadership in these matters by instigating creative dialogue on the vital and pressing topic of the ethics of human reproduction.

Proposer:

The Rev. Margo Fletcher

EXPLANATION

The current growth of the world's population is speeding up enormously. When Jesus was around there were 200,000,000 people today there are 680,000,000,000,000 and the rate at which we are replacing one another grows every second. Only it is more than replacing. The fastest growing group of people in the world is those over 100 years of age. We have allowed artificial insemination for human beings who create multiply pregnancies.

Remembering the 8th MDG: Sustainability. Scientifically we have come to know about global warming and its effects— mass starvation in cases like Pakistan at the moment. It is a matter of extreme urgency to begin a responsible, informed dialogue on the consequences of human reproduction and the limits of creation.