

A Resolution on Fossil Fuel Awareness and Conservation

RESOLVED, That the 178th Convention of the Diocese of Vermont recommends to congregations that they commit themselves to an Earth Day consciousness-raising exercise of walking, biking, or car pooling to church on April 17th with a possible quarterly follow-up; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Convention recommends to congregations that they inspire members to systematically lower speeds on the highways and to follow other tips to reduce fossil fuel use in their automobiles.

Proposer: Earth Stewards Committee

Explanation:

While we watch BP, Transocean, Halliburton, and the Minerals Management Service of our government wrangle over who is responsible for the gulf oil spill, we all need to acknowledge our personal share in the responsibility for this disaster. With easy-to-reach oil in short supply, we consumers are putting pressure on oil companies to provide us with oil that comes from increasingly difficult places to drill and on our government to allow them to do so. Our hope to continue our life of abundance lies in learning to live with increasingly less use of fossil fuels, and increasingly more use of alternative energy sources.