

The Ecological Justice Working Group of the Anglican Church of Canada MANDATE

A Working Group of the Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Coordinating Committee of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada

- 1. The Mandate of the Creation Matters Working Group (CMWG)** is to bring to life the 5th Mark of Mission: *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.* The target audience of the CMWG is grassroots Anglicans in parishes and other places of worship across Canada. In addition, the CMWG will build ecumenical and secular relationships that enhance our ability to do the work of ecological justice.

The Creation Matters Working Group of the Anglican Church of Canada exists because of our environmental covenant with the Creator (through Genesis 2:15), and our commitment to biblical principles of hospitality and community within the whole web of life.

The Creation Matters Working Group will call upon Anglicans across Canada to recognize the urgency of the tasks involved in addressing ecological justice issues.

The Creation Matters working group will honour Indigenous leadership as we strive to leave this fragile beautiful planet Earth intact for the future generations.

The CMWG will raise up the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and any successive United Nations development goals, for all Anglicans across Canada.

2. The Aims of the CMWG

- To encourage Canadian Anglicans to support sustainable environmental practices as individuals and in the life of their communities now and for the future generations
- To develop and propose resolutions for General Synod for consideration by the PWSEJ Committee that bring to life the 5th Mark of Mission
- To provide an opportunity for Diocesan representatives to share ideas, be inspired and be supported in their work to care for the earth and all that God has entrusted to us
- To be in relationship with and support the church and its ecumenical partners seeking Ecological Justice

3. Accountability

CMWG reports to the Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Coordinating Committee (PWSEJ) that reports to the Council of General Synod. The reporting of the CMWG is facilitated by the membership of the Lead Animator, Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice and through the respective chairs.

4. Meeting Frequency and Style

The CMWG will meet by teleconference or video conferencing every 6-8 weeks or as necessary. The CMWG will communicate using various methods such as webinars, videoconferencing, social media and other General Synod communications tools, presentations to committees and councils, and through informal means.

5. Membership Criteria

The Creation Matters Working Group is made up of representatives from Dioceses from Coast to Coast to Coast across Canada with an interest in social and ecological justice and has a mandate to connect nationally to bring to life the 5th Mark of Mission.

The CMWG Co-Chairs oversee member recruitment, orientation and participation with the support of The Lead Animator, Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice.

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