

Needed: A Diocesan representative on the Creation Matters Working Group of the Anglican Church of Canada

Background

The Creation Matters Working Group (CMWG) of the Anglican Church of Canada is a Working Group of the Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Coordinating Committee of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. Its purpose 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 group meets via teleconference every 4-6 weeks to discuss and plan environmental initiatives of interest across the ACC, to review progress regarding the 5th Mark at the national level, to report on the activities and progress in individual dioceses, to share information about important resources that are available for supporting the work at the diocesan level. The full terms of reference are attached, and some CMWG- relevant materials are available at

www.anglican.ca/publicwitness/creationmatters/ ;

A diocesan representative is the principal link between the national (CMWG) and local activities. He/she shares information about 5th Mark- related activities within the diocese with the CMWG members, and provides feedback to the diocese and the parishes about relevant news, developments, resources etc.

Only two qualifications are required: a) belief in the vital importance of the 5th Mark to the Anglicans (all Christians in fact), and b) a commitment to help our Diocese and individual congregations grow in this regard. The representative thus also needs to connect with clergy and other leaders in parishes in the Diocese who share these characteristics and interests. He/ she should also be familiar with the activities of the Green Group of the Diocese of Ontario; in spite of its limited representation, this Group has been instrumental in organizing various actions aimed at the 5th Mark.

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