

1 Title: **IN PRAISE OF GOD’S CREATION:**
2 Environmental Responsibility in the United Church of Christ
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10 SUMMARY: A resolution to promote and support environmental practices and celebrations in
11 churches of the Minnesota Conference.
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13 WHEREAS: In Genesis 2:15, God charges Adam with the care of the Garden of Eden; and
14 that responsibility is still compelling today; and
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16 that as faithful Christians, we need to respond with reverence to the opportunity
17 God has provided us for stewardship; and
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19 that choices we make now have critical implications for the future, and seeking
20 God’s guidance we must respond.
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23 THEREFORE: be it resolved that the Minnesota Conference shall seek to encourage the active
24 engagement of local churches and their parishioners in lightening their
25 environmental footprint by promoting and supporting:
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- 27 • Ministries that advocate sustainable environmental practices by both
28 public and private entities in the context of faith;
- 29 • Worship services that include prayers, hymns, scripture and sermons
30 celebrating God’s creation;
- 31 • Church operations that model responsible energy consumption, efforts to
32 reduce and recycle solid waste, and environmentally friendly landscaping;
- 33 • Church functions involving food that are planned to minimize waste,
34 support local food producers, and encourage healthy, sustainable
35 agricultural practices;
- 36 • Church events that are conducted outdoors from time to time to celebrate
37 the natural world;
- 38 • Cooperation with local organizations that seek to care for the environment.
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