

**Affirming the Net-Zero Commitment
of the Boards, Agencies, Council of Bishops,
and General Conference of The United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS, God created Earth and charged humankind with its stewardship (Genesis 1–2);

WHEREAS, we have failed in that task by despoiling our planet, degrading its environment, altering its climate, and destroying its habitability;

WHEREAS, “without God, we cannot remedy the problem” and “without us, God will not solve it” (Saint Augustine);

WHEREAS, the Council of Bishops in their 2009 Pastoral Letter *God’s Renewed Creation Call to Hope and Action* recognized that “our neglect, selfishness, and pride have fostered environmental degradation” and that “we cannot help the world until we change our way of being in it”;

WHEREAS, the 2024 General Conference of The United Methodist Church affirmed the net-zero pledge supported by the Council of Bishops that joined the pledge of the 12 boards and agencies of the UMC, pledging to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 across ministries, facilities, operations, and investments;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Horizon Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church affirms Resolution 1215 of the Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church, “Commitment to Net-Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions”:

Therefore, be it resolved, that we the people and churches of The United Methodist Church, confess our failure to properly steward God’s earth; ask for God’s help in restoring Creation; and support our Bishops, Boards, and Agencies and Commissions in committing to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

—page 87, as adopted by the 2024 General Conference

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Horizon Texas Annual Conference staff with the Conference Creation Care/Justice Team and newly instituted conference Caretaker of God’s Creation Coordinator take action with appropriate urgency to evaluate next steps for emissions reduction in the conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Coordinator, working with the conference Creation Care/Justice Team, will publish a progress report identifying steps completed, underway, and proposed by January 2026, with a further report to the annual conference members to be presented in writing during the 2026 conference business session.