



Presbyterian Vow & Covenant Toward Carbon Neutrality

With Presbyterians across this land I respond to the call of General Assembly 2006 (Item 09-22) “to Take Positive and Immediate Steps to Live a Carbon Neutral Life”.



I too find “that the Christian mandate to care for creation and the biblical promise of the restoration of right relationships between God, human beings, and the rest of creation impels and inspires me to act to reduce my energy usage.”

I too find “that the urgency, injustice, and seriousness of this issue calls me as a Christian to act NOW and to act boldly to lead the way in reducing our energy usage”.

Therefore, in all humility, calling on my pastors, congregation, and denominational leaders for help in this faith journey, and trusting in the grace of God to assist me, I join in this solemn vow and covenant, committing to this bold witness, aspiring to live a carbon neutral* life.

I solemnly vow, and covenant with my Creator, this day to,

- Reduce my use of fossil carbon fuels in the heating, cooling, and lighting of my home,
- Increase my use of locally grown and organic food,
- Decrease my use of meat especially that grown in concentrated animal feeding operations,
- Decrease my use of fossil carbon fuels in transportation, eliminating some trips, seeking fuel efficiency, sharing rides, using public transport, walking, & cycling,
- And, when I have cut as much as I can, to purchase Carbon Offsets, as I am able.

Signature

Date

* Carbon neutrality requires our energy consumption that releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere be reduced and carbon offsets purchased to compensate for those carbon emissions that could not be eliminated.