**Memorial to Churchwide to**

**Renew the 1993 Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice**

 **Social Statement**

**Whereas**: twenty-eight years have passed since the release of the ELCA’s 1993 social statement, *Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice*; and

**Whereas**: the human despoiling and destruction of the earth and its creatures continues to outstrip all efforts at restraint; and

**Whereas**: ELCA social statements are to be reviewed every ten years,

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**: that a renewed social statement on creation be undertaken, with special attention given:

--**To:** updating the urgent facts re: the compromising of the media of earthly life and decimation of species.

--**To**: naming the persistent sin of anthropocentrism in the church, fostering a more creaturely self-awareness, extolling a posture that reflects greater humility and theological awe.

--**To**: affirming a role for humans as residents or tenants of an earthly home that God pronounced good and promises to make new.

--**To**: extolling Luther’s potent language of divine immersion in creation, familiarizing us with Luther’s imagery of a God who moves all things while resting, and of a risen Christ who inhabits the tiniest tree leaf.

--**To**: appealing for large, bold actions that suit the scale of our global situation while honoring the smaller, more modest actions that mark a lighter path for humankind.

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