Environment Policy for the Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway

Caring for God's Creation is an essential element of our Christian discipleship and witness. Aware that the need to address threats to the environment is more pressing than ever, we commit ourselves as Chaplaincy and congregations, and encourage at an individual level to the following:

1. We will take environmental concerns fully into account in our mission, worship, study, education, training, pastoral, administrative and other programmes and projects.

2. We will seek to identify environment issues in our chaplaincy and individual congregations, and devise appropriate action on them.

3. Where possible we will undertake an 'environmental audit' of the premises and property we use and devise appropriate plans to care for the most significant aspects of the natural world which are our responsibility. Specifically, we will make an energy audit at least every three years and seek to save energy, wherever possible.

4. We will work with others and support the work of local and national environmental organizations, as appropriate. We will listen to the concerns of young people and encourage their efforts to protect the environment.

5. We will encourage the Chaplaincy Council and our architects and contractors to take environmental concerns fully into account in repair and construction work.

6. We will include environmental concerns in our prayer, worship and teaching, especially observing the period of Creation Time between 1st September and the second Sunday in October, each year.

7. We will invite our members to consider their personal impact on the environment in their daily lives.

8. We will consider our mode and frequency of travel in order to contribute to a reduction in our carbon footprint.

9 We will endeavour to be responsible consumers and to minimise and recycle waste, consciously adopting the practice of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle in our consumption.

10. We will encourage and work with our Chaplaincy environment officer and team.