

TEMA/TÍTULO: Medio Ambiente: Tratamiento Piadoso y Humano de las Criaturas de Dios

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- 1 *Se resuelve*, con la aprobación de la Cámara de _____ que la 76ª Convención General apoye el
 - 2 tratamiento piadoso y humano de todas las Criaturas de Dios; y asimismo
 - 3 *Se resuelve*, que la Convención General instruya a las Comisiones o Comités Medioambientales
 - 4 de las Diócesis que faciliten información para educar a nuestras parroquias sobre decisiones que
 - 5 afectarían la vida y salud de la vida animal más vulnerable; y asimismo
 - 6 *Se resuelve* que se anime a cada congregación a que remita esta resolución a su comité de
 - 7 extensión o cualquier otro medio afín para asegurar la educación y disseminación de información
 - 8 entre sus miembros y fomentar medidas medioambientalmente compasivas.

EXPLANATION:

The Christian Tradition holds that God has created the earth and all that lives herein. It teaches that all God created is "good", and further, that we are held accountable for the right stewardship of God's creation. A number of endangered species are rapidly becoming extinct; a notable example is the Red Knot bird that traverses between Argentina and the Arctic with a key food stop in New Jersey where one specific local species is under siege threatening the elimination of the Red Knot's critical food, the eggs of the horseshoe crab, by the crabs' over-capture as fishing bait. And overdevelopment of United States' virgin lands has put a large variety of indigenous species' existence in imminent jeopardy. Food animals continue to be cruelly and mercilessly treated: pregnant sows are totally confined in gestation crates, veal calves are penned in veal crates and are barely able to move around or even stand up; chickens are crammed together for life into battery cages in a space no larger than this page; geese are brutally force fed to make foie gras; grazing animals are fed antibiotics to increase size, that are then contained within their meat, passing these antibiotics on to consuming humans who become more and more vulnerable to resistant bacterial strains. Huge factory farms house animals in deplorable and unsanitary conditions resulting in foul run off, polluted ground water, and contamination linked to human diseases. Stressed food animals produce stress hormones. This can compromise their immune systems. Antibiotics are in turn routinely given to ensure that the animals are not overwhelmed by ambient microorganisms. Small doses of these antibiotics, showing up in the meat eaten by humans, actually increase human vulnerability to resistant strains of microorganisms. By education we can make a real difference in the level of awareness of these problems and practices. Congregations can become aware of the most vulnerable of God's creation and respect the dignity of "all things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all" (Cecil Frances Alexander, Hymn 405 in Hymnal 1982).

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