



# THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

## **A statement on climate change by the Primates of the Anglican Communion following the Primates' Meeting in Dublin, Ireland 24 and 30 January, 2011**

We note that the scriptures call humanity to a careful stewardship of creation. We undertake to ensure that issues of climate change and the responsible management of our natural resources, are items which are given urgent priority for reflection, study and action in our own provinces.

Climate change is a normal characteristic of our planet but it has become an urgent concern because of the evidence of the impact that humanity has had on the earth by our use and abuse of its natural resources.

We commend the development of the Anglican Communion's study course on the 5th mark of mission; and also the importance of Anglican Communion's Environmental Network and its meeting in Peru.

We encourage all Anglicans to recognise that global climatic change is real and that we are contributing to the despoiling of creation. We underline the increasing urgency of this as we see the impact of climate change in our provinces, especially in the Pacific region.

We press Government, industry and civil society on the moral imperative of taking practical steps towards building sustainable communities, and urge them to work to achieve agreement on the way forward at the 17th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 17) in Durban in November.