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We  
affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves  
to its preservation, enhancement and faithful use by humankind.

We  
commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young  
adults, the aging and people with disabilities; to improve the  
quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of racial, ethnic and  
religious minorities.

We  
believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God  
and the good of themselves and others in the protection of their  
welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God,  
collective bargaining and responsible consumption; and in the  
elimination of economic and social distress.

We  
dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of  
justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all  
people of the world. We believe in the present and final triumph of  
God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to  
manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.