



# The Methodist Church

## East Anglia District

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### East Anglia Methodist District Environmental Policy

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#### Environmental Policy Objectives Awareness and Commitment

- to promote awareness within Methodist people of these principles and objectives and of the values underlying them
- to ensure that Methodist Church employees and office holders are familiar with and implement this environmental commitment and its objectives
- to ensure that Methodist Church activities comply with all relevant environmental regulations

#### Energy and Water

- to ensure energy is used efficiently and wherever possible reduce its use
- to encourage the increased use of renewable energy
- to use water efficiently and with care
- to avoid pollutants entering the drainage system

#### Waste

- to reduce the production of material waste including unnecessary packaging
- to encourage re-use, repair and recycling of materials including organic waste
- to dispose of waste in a safe and responsible way

#### Materials and Resources

- to buy products which are made in accordance with the principle of using material in a sustainable way and to use locally-made goods where practicable
- to take into account the lifetime costs of materials when repairing, altering or rebuilding premises
- to maximise the proportion of paper used from sustainable sources and recycled materials
- to offer electronic communication as an alternative to paper for those who are suitably equipped



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- to show concern for the environmental quality of food production systems and the equitable global distribution of food

### **Natural and Built Environment**

- to take appropriate opportunities to conserve and enhance the natural and built environment including Methodist Heritage Sites
- to be aware of local planning developments
- to be sensitive to the impact of church activities on the local environment

### **Travel**

- to make every effort to reduce air pollution and energy consumption resulting from the use of the car by avoidance of unnecessary travel, to minimise travel by meeting online, and encouraging walking, cycling and public transport
- to optimize car-sharing and the use of energy-efficient techniques when driving is necessary
- to support the expansion of good quality public transport, the provision of improved facilities for cyclists and pedestrians and local Green Travel Programmes.