

DECLARATION

The participants of the TOT programme on 'Care for Creation' at Impur from 11th-13th March 2015, have collectively discussed and agreed that the Youth Departments of all churches under ABAM will diligently and practically carry forward the knowledge acquired in the training by implementing and participating in the following activities:

1. Create a Facebook Group purely dedicated to promoting and advocating Care for Creation.

All participants and churches can become a member of this group. This group will be linked with other national and international groups/pages advocating on the same concern. The group will be used to upload different Creation Care activities undertaken by different churches and also to upload updates and different findings on the same concern. The Group will be administered by a volunteer Youth Director/s.

2. Carry forward the use of appropriate technologies in one's respective churches and homes.

Three practical trainings were given on the use of appropriate technology – Solar Oven, Briquette Press and Briquettes. All participants will train their youth on the use of these three technologies and organize a programme in their church where they will demonstrate their creations. This programme can even embrace the elders of Churches by way of inviting them to the programme.

3. Take a pledge/s.

Individuals and Churches can take any of the following pledge/s for which ABAM will acknowledge with 'Pledge Certificate' in case of a Church, or a 'Pledge Card' in case of individuals.

- a. Save electricity by switching off and plugging off at home or Church or workplace.
- b. Refuse/reduce the use of plastic at home or church or work place or shops. Use more of bio-degradable materials. (Will not use plastic cups, plates, gift wrappers, polythene bags, minimize the purchase of water bottles and adopt responsible ways of disposing them, etc.)
- c. Will not waste food at home or church or work place. (Try to give leftovers to the many who are in need)
- d. Repair resources used/balance our carbon footprint (Balance the resources we use or our carbon emission by planting and taking care of trees)
- e. Start 'Youth Pickers' or 'Trash Pickers' groups and encourage young people to become members of the group.
- f. Will reduce our consumption pattern. (Donate clothes that we have outgrown to the Church which can be displayed by the Church for others to pick/buy instead of buying new clothes)
- g. Observe carbon fast (Similar to the fasting and prayer that churches usually conduct. Carbon fast is observing no carbon/ minimum carbon emission day)

Any or all of these activities will be implemented by churches under ABAM by the end of this year (2015). The activities should be continued even in the following years. Implementation and success stories will be shared in the next meeting of ABAMYD on 'Care for Creation' which will happen again after 2 years (2017).

All churches will report their implementation of activities to NEICORD, TERI University and EFICOR.

Signed

All participants of TOT on Care for Creation, Impur, 2015