

Position Statement on

Responsibility for the Environment

As people made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), we have been entrusted with the care of the earth's resources (Genesis 2:15). Stewardship requires that we use these resources in a manner which ensures the well-being of present and future generations.

God's instruction to 'subdue' the earth and 'rule' over every living thing (Genesis 1:28) cannot be interpreted to justify abuse or disregard for any life, not only human life. The privileges granted require our accountability to Him and one another.

Given the finite resources of our world, its expanding population, and the impact of industrialization, development must take account of environmental needs.

Salvationists as individuals and The Salvation Army as an organization should accept responsibility for the environment by taking practical steps to regenerate and conserve God's creation.



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