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To: Mark Zirnsak
Subject: JIM Cluster Draft Proposals to 2020 Synod

Dear Mark,

Just found that I hadn't sent this off. Hope its not too late.

I wish to strongly support the action being taken to guide the Synod in the direction to be taken in promoting and action to influence governments, business and the public at large of the following issues:

- Climate Change,
- Well-being in Cyberspace,
- Protection People on Temporary Visas from Family Violence,
- On-line Gambling Advertising

Climate Change

Over the time that this subject has been on the agenda two main positions have developed.

1. Those that believe what the scientists are saying that the temperature rise that we are experiencing is due to the gradual increase of carbon dioxide in the upper atmosphere. The greenhouse effect is being increased by the gradual increase of CO2 which cannot escape to the outer atmosphere. Heat from the sun radiates to earth then back to the barrier consisting of water vapour, nitrogen, etc. but cannot penetrate, allowing the temperature of the earth surface to gradually rise. Therefore CO2, which is produced by human processes and the burning of fossil fuel must be reduced.
2. Those that believe that temperature rise is occurring naturally due to other reasons and it cannot be prevented. Those on this side of the discussion do not believe that carbon has a great influence. I have found it necessary, unsuccessfully, to attempt to oppose this position.

Whatever the belief it is agreed that action is necessary to plan for this by concentrating on action such as minimising bushfires, gradual increase of renewables, planting trees etc. but not enough urgency placed on reduction of CO2 entering the atmosphere.

There are policies that are designed to be helpful but these are not given the urgency that is required, by reducing all of the contributing factors.

It is suggested that in order to strengthen the position and to get bipartisan support for reduction of CO2, emphasis be put on development of a education plan to simply and factually describing the effect of increasing CO2 volumes in the atmosphere compared with other greenhouse gases.

Well-being in Cyberspace

The social impact of the increased incidence on the population, particularly the younger generation is not only immediate but will have long term consequences. This required consistent pressure on Governments to bring about change.

On-line Gambling

The number of on-line gambling companies and the percentage of such advertising compared with other advertising has increased considerably, seemingly without limit. This has reached a stage where the younger generation is left with the impression that it is naturally a part of all sports. They are left with the impression that to participate in sport they must gamble.

'Gamble responsibly' quoted at the end of such advertising has become so repetitive that it has lost its meaning.

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