

Resolution 2021/03/04

Synod encourages Synod Committee members, ministers and church members to reduce their carbon footprint by travelling the most environmentally friendly way possible.

Synod encourages churches and the Synod office to carry out an audit of their current levels of recycling and use of single use products and determine what further action they will take to be more environmentally friendly.

Resolution 2021/09/02

This meeting of Synod resolves that where ministers (MWS /CRCWs), Synod employees, local church employees, lay preachers, and Synod committee members claim travel expenses from the Synod for travel by car, taxi, bus, train, ferries, or plane they should include, in a memo column on their expenses form, the cost of offsetting their journey. The Synod office will accumulate this amount for the year and donate that amount to a charity that engages in carbon offsetting (e.g. Trees for Life) and report the amount donated to the March Synod meeting.

Synod asks local churches to consider adopting a similar policy for all travel expenses paid and report this to their AGM. Any church which adopts a policy is asked to notify Synod Clerk of this for reporting to Synod Meeting.

Offsetting calculator

	Petrol	Diesel	Hybrid
Car < 1.4L	0.4 pence per mile	0.3 pence per mile	0.3 pence per mile
Car 1.4-2.0L	0.5 pence per mile	0.4 pence per mile	0.3 pence per mile
Car > 2L	0.7 pence per mile	0.5 pence per mile	0.3 pence per mile
Electric Car	0.2 pence per mile		
Bus	0.3 pence per mile		
Train	0.1 pence per mile		
Ferry	0.3 pence per mile		
Plane	Use offset option when buying ticket		