

## Energy Crisis - 1973

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The energy crisis which threatens the United States and many countries of the world is of great significance and in fact dates back many years. The productivity that has been the hallmark of our own and a number of other countries depends on energy. Growth and progress towards a decent life for all are based on energy. Without sufficient energy, commerce, industry, our very lifestyle, our health, even national strength could be involved through our dependence on a continuous supply of oil, gas, electricity.

Because we have always seemingly—though not in reality—had enough to spare, few of us have given much thought to the state of our resources. Now is the time both to think and to act. As women, we have the ability and the responsibility to take measures promptly to conserve energy individually in every way, large and small. We urge our members to reduce their use of energy at once and to wield their influence to persuade others to do likewise.

Furthermore, we call upon both governmental and private agencies to make persistent efforts to solve the crisis through the development of alternate sources of energy, with due concern for the preservation of the environment and through the critical examination of energy-consuming equipment which is enlarging and proliferating in our society.

Finally, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods invites the many fine organizations of women, both religious and secular, in our own and other countries to join us in meeting a crisis which is as grave an economic threat to them and to their countries as to us.