

**GENERAL SYNOD 2025  
RESOLUTION**

**Resolution Number A200**

**Subject:** The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

**Moved By:**

**Seconded By:**

**Be it resolved that this General Synod:**

Request the Primate, on behalf of The Anglican Church of Canada, to sign the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty letter <https://fossilfuel treaty.org/faith-letter#faith-letter> laying out a binding global plan to:

1. **End expansion of any new coal, oil or gas production** in line with the best available science as outlined by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the United Nations Environment Programme;
2. **Phase-out existing production of fossil fuels in a manner that is fair and equitable**, taking into account the respective dependency of countries on fossil fuels and their capacity to transition; and
3. **Ensure a global just transition to 100% access to renewable energy globally**, support dependent economies to diversify away from fossil fuels, and enable all people and communities, not least the Global South, to flourish.

**Source:** Creation Matters Working Group

**Submitted By:** Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Coordinating Committee

Does this motion contain within it any financial implications?      Yes      **No**

If yes, has the General Synod Expenditures Committee considered the implications?      Yes      No

Does this motion contain within it any staffing implications?      Yes      **No**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND**

It is the responsibility of the Creation Matters Working Group (CMWG) to bring forward important, timely and relevant issues as part of our church's commitment to the 5<sup>th</sup> Mark of Mission.

It is our moral imperative to protect those most in need and to uphold the human rights of future generations by employing renewable sources of energy.

The science surrounding the most urgent danger facing humanity is undeniable: to be good caretakers of our common home, we must act and phase out the production of fossil fuels.

As we transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy, like our fellow Christians who have joined the growing chorus of Indigenous Peoples, civil society leaders, youth, cities, lawmakers, academics, and scientists, and the 617 faith institution signatories, including the Anglican Consultative Council.

The following resolution was passed at ACC - Ghana June 2023 ACC-18

*5 (b): Moratorium on new Fossil fuel developments*

*The Anglican Consultative Council: 1. 2. 3. notes that the 'Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty' (to stop the increase of fossil fuel projects) offers a practical way to live out the fifth Mark of Mission in response to the climate crisis. supports the Treaty and requests the Secretary General to sign the Treaty on behalf of ACC; and encourages primates and bishops to sign on behalf of the Churches and dioceses of the Communion and advocate their governments to halt new gas and oil exploration. [www.anglicancommunion.org/communications/press-and-media/press-releases/anglican-consultative-council-signs-fossil-fuel-non-proliferation-treaty.aspx](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/communications/press-and-media/press-releases/anglican-consultative-council-signs-fossil-fuel-non-proliferation-treaty.aspx)*

Working notes:

The Anglican Church of Canada notes that the 'Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty' (to stop the increase of fossil fuel projects) offers a practical way to live out the fifth Mark of Mission in response to the climate crisis.

And that the ACC supports the Treaty and requests that the Primate sign the Treaty on behalf of ACC; and encourages bishops and parishes to sign on behalf of their respective diocese and faith community and advocate to their governments to halt new gas and oil exploration.

The Creation Matters Working Group Leadership Team encourages Canadian Anglicans from Coast to Coast to add their signature to the call from the 2024 Season of Creation celebration to sign as an institution or as an individual and join 464 Faith Institution Signatories from around this fragile planet lovingly created by God.

Explanatory Note:

[seasonofcreation.org/2024/08/28/your-action-is-a-sign-of-the-holy-spirit-sign-the-faith-letter-in-support-of-the-fossil-fuels-non-proliferation-treaty](http://seasonofcreation.org/2024/08/28/your-action-is-a-sign-of-the-holy-spirit-sign-the-faith-letter-in-support-of-the-fossil-fuels-non-proliferation-treaty)

'A few days before the beginning of the [Season of Creation](#), we are called to "hope and act with creation", that is, to hope that "things can change" (LS 13). But, in turn, we must take action in concrete ways to contribute to God's plan for a worthy common home in which to live. Creation needs us.

As [Pope Francis](#) and [bishops around the world](#) have already stated in their messages calling for action during this Season of Creation, your action as a leader is essential in contributing to the fight against fossil fuels. How can you do this? By signing [this Faith Letter](#) for a Fossil Fuels Non-proliferation Treaty. You can do this either on behalf of an organization or as an individual.

[I want to sign the faith letter](#)

What is this treaty about?

The [Fossil Fuels Non-proliferation Treaty](#) is a proposed treaty to explicitly halt the expansion of fossil fuel exploitation and manage a just transition from coal, oil, and gas to clean energy.

The treaty was first endorsed at the UN General Assembly by Vanuatu in September and by Tuvalu at COP27. The World Health Organization has also already endorsed it as have Cardinal Czerny of the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and religious leaders representing 1.5 billion people. Other supporters include the European Parliament, 70 cities, including London, Paris and Los Angeles, and 1,700 NGOs.

What is the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty's Faith Letter?

Leaders of various religious and spiritual communities around the world want to call on governments to develop and implement the Fossil Fuels Non-Proliferation Treaty.

This letter has already been signed by more than 450 religious organizations worldwide and thousands of individuals. Help stop fossil fuels. Your actions as a leader are already the first fruits of hope, a sign of the Holy Spirit at work in us.

[I want to sign the faith letter](#)

Leaders across diverse religious and spiritual communities around the globe, have signed on, calling on governments to develop and implement a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

We have been granted a gift, an earth created in all its diversity, vitality, and abundance, for which we are called upon to be stewards.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION (G)**

*In the normal course, an ordinary motion must be passed by a majority of the members of General Synod present and voting together.*

*Six members of General Synod may, prior to the question being put, require a vote by Orders, with a majority of each Order being necessary to pass.*

*If a question passes on a Vote by Orders, any six members (two from each of three different dioceses) may immediately before the next item of business require a vote to be taken by dioceses. A motion passes if a majority (or a tie) of dioceses vote in favour.*

Source: Sections 4 and 5 of the [Declaration of Principles](#) and sections 18, 19 and 20 of the [Rules of Order and Procedure](#).