

Climate and Environment

Endorse the Anglican Consultative Council's Communion Forest resolution. Undertake appropriate projects in support of the Communion Forest initiative. ([GC 2024-A084](#))

Seek further steps towards the phase-out of fossil fuels in future international negotiations, including the upcoming COP 29 meetings scheduled for Baku, November 2024, as well as in implementing legislation and regulations in the United States. Support public policy steps to reduce the adverse impacts of a fossil fuel phase-out on people and communities reliant on such industries for jobs, investment, and tax revenue; steps consistent with General Convention Resolution 2018-D081. ([GC 2024-A098](#))

Advocate for Indigenous and native people's rights involving just use and protection of water resources. ([GC 2024-A167](#))

Acknowledge that in the transition away from fossil fuels there is a need to support the use of reliable carbon-free energy sources such as nuclear energy as a supplemental and stable supporter of weather dependent sources such as wind and solar. Call for nuclear energy as one of many methods of reducing carbon emissions and recognizing nuclear fuel as nuclear waste. ([GC 2024-C029](#))

Advocate for Indigenous and native people's rights to safety, transparency, and restoration in cases where the U.S. government and/or its agencies and military forces threaten or damage clean water and other natural resources, especially in decommissioning and defueling of Red Hill Bunker. ([GC 2024-D008](#))

Endorse the commitment by the U.S. government to conserve at least 30% each of U.S. lands and waters by the year 2030, as consistent with The Episcopal Church's commitment to care for creation. ([GC 2024-D029](#))

Recognizes and commends the efforts of nations, including Vanuatu and Tuvalu, alongside other Pacific Island nations, in crafting the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. The treaty has received endorsements from influential bodies such as the World Health Organization and the European Parliament, as well as the support of thousands of civil society organizations and individuals dedicated to addressing climate change and its contributing factors. The Executive Council acknowledges these collaborative initiatives and their significant contribution to the global efforts toward climate mitigation. ([2023 MBMW 005](#))

Establish biodiversity as a central priority for the Episcopal Church's creation care strategies at church-wide, diocesan, congregational, and institutional levels. Advocate for policy priorities that protect both biodiversity and the rights of indigenous and local communities, such as those priorities reflected in the Faiths at COP 15 statement, including a rights-based approach to biodiversity management and aggressive and enforceable conservation goals. ([2023 MBMW 002](#))

Support and advocate for the subsistence rights of Indigenous people and policies that protect and preserve land and resources solely for subsistence use. (Noted within a resolution calling for net carbon neutrality of The Episcopal Church by 2030.) ([GC 2022-A087](#))

Advocate for legislation and other public policies that directly address the impact of climate change among marginalized, indigenous, and frontline communities and that tangibly and financially assist those communities with the costs of both climate change and mitigation, and policies that prohibit the authorization and construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure including but not limited to coal, oil, or gas leases on public lands, all forms of mountaintop removal mining, and tar sands pipelines such as Keystone XL, Enbridge Line #3, and the Dakota Access Pipeline. Reaffirm that the Episcopal Church shall support and advocate for policies, programs, pastoral responses, and

theologies that work to ensure no community - especially financially impoverished communities, frontline residents, migrants, and BIPOC communities (Black, indigenous, and people of color) - shall bear a disproportionate impact of the environmental, health, and economic threats of climate change. ([GC 2022-A088](#))

Advocate for and support public policies that support a just transition for fossil fuel dependent communities. ([GC 2022-A089](#))

Pursue an investment strategy that will fund methods of capturing and storing greenhouse gases through sustainable nature-based, land management solutions such as afforestation and regenerative agricultural practices. ([GC 2022-C015](#))

Establish and coordinate shareholder strategy addressing Carbon-Intensive Lending by U.S. Banks and other financial lending institutions. Identify banks and financial lending institutions within the DFMS and CPF portfolios that are carbon-intensive lenders and initiate the appropriate shareholder strategy with these institutions to slow global warming. Support joint efforts with the Church of England National Investing Bodies (NIBs) in achieving the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. ([GC 2022-C016](#))

Advocate for our governments to address environmental and ecological issues, such as the Green New Deal to help communities, regions, and nations achieve environmental sustainability and economic stability. ([GC 2022-D064](#))

Support methods of permanently capturing and storing greenhouse gases, including nature-based solutions (tree-planting, preservation of unique ecosystems such as prairies, bogs, estuaries, and mangrove stands); Carbon Capture and Storage (also called Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage); and direct air capture technologies. Support appropriate research and testing to avoid unintended consequences from these technologies and other climate change mitigation efforts. Urge that the costs of carbon capture and other climate change mitigation efforts should not fall disproportionately on poor, minority, and indigenous communities. ([EC 012021](#))

In the Episcopal Creation Covenant, pursue liberating advocacy: For God's sake, standing alongside marginalized, vulnerable peoples, we will advocate and act to repair Creation and seek the liberation and flourishing of all people. Engage in federal, state and local advocacy, especially around policies outlined by General Convention and with the guidance of the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network. ([EC 102019.08](#))

Divest from fossil fuel companies and reinvest in clean renewable energy in a fiscally responsible manner. ([GC 2018-A020](#))

Reaffirm the Church's commitment to environmental justice and authorize a report on legal remedies for marginalized communities that disproportionately suffer from the effects of climate change. ([GC 2018-A011](#))

Recognize climate change as a human-made threat that particularly hurts vulnerable communities, and call for the Church to advocate at the United Nations for a binding climate treaty. ([GC 2018-A018](#))

Recognizes water as a human right and common good, and urges Episcopalians to educate themselves about local water issues, avoid using bottled water, and advocate for public ownership of water utilities. This includes the protection of aquifers and watersheds, as well as adequate sanitation of water. ([GC ' 2018-B025](#))

Support national and international gender inclusive responses to climate change disasters, recognizing that women are often disproportionately impacted and advocate for women's leadership on climate justice. ([GC 2018-B027](#))

Calls on Episcopalians to support and advocate for justly implemented policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as a carbon tax, with a specific concern for reducing economic impacts on lower-income communities. ([GC 2018-C020](#))

Call on the Church to engage in shareholder advocacy by lobbying for the inclusion of a sustainability expert to sit on the Boards of companies that negatively impact the environment. ([GC 2018-C021](#))

Call on The Episcopal Church to advocate for ocean health via support for public policies establishing marine sanctuaries, mitigating pollution and the effects of offshore drilling, overfishing, and invasive species, and protecting endangered species. Minister to the people who are adversely affected by declines in ocean health. ([GC 2018-C063](#))

Endorse the Leech Lake Band of the Ojibwe Nation's opposition to the construction of the Enbridge #3 oil pipeline as a potential environmental disaster and urge the state of Minnesota to open and maintain a line of communication with native leaders. ([GC 2018-C064](#))

Call on the Church to support public investment in education, renewable energies, public works and development for communities impacted by economic change and automation, support the creation of good jobs with living wages and benefits and express support for the right of workers to organize. ([GC 2018-D006](#))

Urge the federal government to support sustained recovery efforts and disaster prevention planning, working with other nations. Encourage Episcopalians to create emergency preparedness and response plans. ([GC 2018-D007](#))

Direct the development of criteria for the Church's investments based on concern for care of creation, as well as procedures to determine engagement in shareholder activism, divestment, or boycotting. ([GC 2018-D068](#))

Advocate for public policy initiatives to assist communities negatively affected by the transition away from fossil fuels through training, education, and housing assistance, and call on Episcopalians to develop programs to strengthen these communities. ([GC 2018-D081](#))

Commit to working for global eco-justice and to support the development of eco-justice sites, as well as regional and advisory groups to network and facilitate eco-justice. ([EC 062016.12](#))

Commend the work and supportive leadership on behalf of the Sioux Nation in its response to corporate and governmental intrusion onto its sacred ground, and support the Sioux Nation's right for peaceful assembly and protest. ([EC 102016.29](#))

Affirm support of Agenda 2030 and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, and commit to the goals of eradicating poverty and fostering sustainable development by 2030. ([EC 102016.30](#))

Urge the Church to deepen its commitment to addressing food insecurity, food-related health issues, and food-related environmental effects in our communities and nations. Urge the Church to advocate for sustainable, equitable, culturally appropriate, and accessible food systems. ([GC 2015-A091](#))

Modify and support public policies and laws that protect the health and safety of workers throughout the food system, protect our Earth's natural environment, protect humanity's ability to produce food for generations to come, and increase access to healthy food for all people. ([GC 2015-A170](#))

Oppose environmental racism, expressed in such ways as the locating of extraction, production, and disposal industries where they disproportionately harm neighborhoods inhabited by people of color and low income communities. ([GC 2015-C013](#))

Call upon The Episcopal Church to engage the topic of divestment from fossil fuels and reinvestment in clean energy. ([GC 2015-C045](#))

Call upon The Episcopal Church to advocate for policies that will promote sustainable energy and alleviate burdens on those most affected by climate change and the transition away from fossil fuels. Call upon The Episcopal Church to support grassroots solutions to climate change that strengthen local resilience, local food sovereignty, ecological restoration, and economic re-localization. ([GC 2012-B023](#))

Urge Congress to pass legislation curbing air pollution at U.S. ports, and encourage Episcopal dioceses located near ports to become more engaged in environmental, community, and worker justice efforts at the ports. ([GC 2012-C119](#))

Enact stricter controls on the use of carbon-based fuels, and create incentives for our nation's transitions from dependence upon fossil fuels to safe, clean, renewable energy. ([GC 2012-D055](#))

Call upon Episcopalians to restrict their use of bottled water where safe drinking water is available and to employ other everyday water conservation techniques to lessen the negative ecological impact of wasted water and bottled water production. ([GC 2009-A045](#))

Urge the U.S. government to legislate equitable subsidies for renewable energy and balance its current subsidies for nonrenewable energy sources. Support the adoption of a federal renewable energy standard that requires energy suppliers to obtain at least 20% of their electricity from renewable energy sources. Support programs worldwide that conserve water and utilize clean energy to power public buildings and transportation. ([GC 2009-C011](#))

Affirm that policy decisions affecting the health and well-being of humans and ecosystems must be based on scientifically evaluated, peer-reviewed data. Support legislative efforts to maintain the highest degree of scientific integrity in research that is intended for use in legislative deliberation. ([GC 2009-C012](#))

Endorse the Earth Charter, a declaration of fundamental ethical principles for building a just, sustainable, and peaceful global society in the 21st century; and call upon Episcopalians to take actions consistent with the Earth Charter locally, nationally, and internationally. ([GC 2009-C064](#))

Promote awareness about the public environmental decisions that adversely affect the lives and health of the most vulnerable in our society, especially children, indigenous communities, and communities of people of color; and encourage environmentally just actions in all spheres of society. ([GC 2009-D014](#))

Encourage education about how our everyday decisions affect the lives and health of endangered species, farmed food animals, and domesticated animals. ([GC 2009-D015](#))

Urge the President and Congress to commit to a course of action, in collaboration with the other nations of the world, to lower the output of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by 25% by 2020 and by 80% by 2050. ([GC 2009-D031](#))

Challenge Episcopalians, and all Christians, to be mindful of the consequences that our lifestyles have around the world, particularly for the health of marginalized communities, and to act upon our beliefs by working for justice and peace for all of God's creation through personal actions, congregational action, and public witness with policymakers. ([EC 032007.29](#))

Offer our prayers for those affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and encourage Episcopalians to continue to offer support and assistance, while pressing the U.S. government to rebuild the Gulf Coast. ([EC 032007.30](#))

Affirm that global warming threatens the future of God's creation, especially the poorest and most vulnerable, and support efforts to reduce global warming. Seek to reduce Global Warming nationally at every level. ([GC 2006-B002](#))

Commend the work done to aid victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and acknowledge that far more must still be done by federal, state, and local governments. The church highlights the underlying reality of poverty and racism that are made plain through these disasters and urge the Government to take long and short-term actions to rebuild communities, including large financial contributions. ([EC 102005.10](#))

Recognize that the responsible care of animals falls within the stewardship of creation and work for the protection of animals. ([GC 2003-D016](#))

Encourage dioceses, congregations, and individuals to become active stewards of their water resources. ([GC 2003-D046](#))

Direct OGR to work on public policy ensuring clean water. ([GC 2003-D070](#))

Call for conservation-based energy legislation consistent with the long-standing belief that we are stewards of God's creation, responsible for its care and preservation. Oppose drilling or mining in our nation's dwindling wild lands and places important to the traditional cultures of indigenous peoples, including oil and gas exploration and drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which threaten the life and culture of the Gwich'in people. ([EC 032002.20](#))

Urge the President and Congress to provide financial support and leadership for developing nations to control their emissions of greenhouse gases in order to reduce their vulnerability to climate change. Urge the President to address the issue of global warming and take the necessary steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. Urge the President and Congress to provide funds and leadership in an effort to encourage renewable energy, energy efficiency, and conservation. ([EC 062001.12](#))

Oppose environmental racism. Oppose mountaintop removal and valley-fill mining and other mining operations that threaten the ecology and low-income communities. ([GC 2000-D005](#))

Call upon the Church to practice environmentally sound and energy-efficient living and discourage wasteful consumption. ([GC 1997-A041](#))

Encourage Church investors to influence corporations to find alternatives to the manufacture, use, and disposal of hazardous chemicals. Commit to justice for those who bear the brunt of hazardous waste disposal. ([GC 1994-A042](#))

Express vigorous opposition to the U.S. use of foreign countries as dumping grounds for waste. ([GC 1991-B044](#))