

BAKEAPPLE COMMISSION REPORT

Origin: Bakeapple Commission

Court	Proposal #	Title	Page Ref	Disposition
Yellow	ANW 17	Reducing Carbon Emissions	1	Adopted with minor change
Yellow	BC 4	Lobbying Governments for a Price on Greenhouse Gas Emissions	2	Adopted with minor change
Yellow	BC 8	Travel Carbon Tax	4	Receive and take no action (see below)
Yellow	TOR 3	Fossil Fuel Divestment for Climate Justice	6	Adopted as amended with addition of actions outlined in BC 6 and MTU 2 (see below)
Yellow	BC 6	Green renewable Energy Investment	9	Took no further action in light of TOR 3
Yellow	MTU 2	Fossil Fuel Divestment for Earth Justice	11	Took no further action in light of TOR 3
Yellow	MNWO 8	Assessment of Fossil Fuel Divestment for Climate Justice	13	Adopted as presented
Yellow	TOR 4	Pension Fund Proposal	14	Took no further action in light of MNWO 8
Yellow	MAR 2	United Church of Canada Pension Board Divestment from Goldcorp	17	Adopted as presented
Yellow	TOR 5	Pension Board (UCCP) Divestment from Goldcorp	20	Took no further action in light of MAR 2
Yellow	MNWO 7	UCC Pension Board Divestment from Goldcorp	23	Took no further action in light of MAR 2
Yellow	BC 9	UCC Pension Board Divestment from Goldcorp	26	Took no further action in light of MAR 2
Yellow	M&O 21	Climate Change Proposal for GC 42	29	Adopted as amended to include climate justice as a lens for GCE and added request for a letter from the Moderator. (see below)
Yellow	BC 5	Climate Discussion Circles	31	Referred to General Secretary for information in light of M&O 21
Yellow	BC 11	Clean Water for All Canadians	33	Adopted as amended with addition of “running” and encouraged letter writing. (see below)
Yellow	MNWO 6	Trans Canada Pipeline Energy East Project	34	Adopted as amended with “opposition to”

				changed to “concerns for” in two places (see below)
Yellow	M&O 20	The Beaconsfield Initiative	35	Adopted with revision to 2a) provided prior to Commission by originating body (see below)
Yellow	TOR 13	Recycling Non-Biodegradable Plastics	37	Not considered Referred to GCE
Yellow	ANW 3	Social Justice Conversation	39	Not considered Referred to GCE
Yellow	BQ 2	New Mission for The United Church of Canada	42	Adopted as amended by changing “mission” to “vision”, redirecting to General Secretary, and requesting process in lieu of task group. (see below)
Yellow	ANW 6	The Rural Ministry of the UCC	43	Adopted as amended by adding “remote”, redirecting to General Secretary, and requesting process in lieu of task group. (see below)
Yellow	LON 17	Secure Funding for United Church Camping	44	Referred to General Secretary (see below)

ANW 17 REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS

The 42nd General Council 2015:

1. **Support a long-term global emission reduction goal consistent with the Paris agreement;**
2. **Recognize that a major portion of the Canadian economy produces products that generate carbon emissions such as electricity, transportation, manufacturing, mining, and production of oil and gas;**
3. **Remember:**
 - a. **the impact on the overall economy of Canada;**
 - b. **the impact on the individuals employed (families) in the various industries noted above;**
 - c. **the impact on the communities and communities of faith throughout Canada;**
4. **Encourage investment in green renewable energy and energy efficiency; and**

5. **Encourage investment in training, and job creation.**
6. **Direct the Executive of the General Council to take appropriate action to implement this policy.**

BC 4 LOBBYING GOVERNMENTS FOR A PRICE ON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

The 42nd General Council (2015) commit the church to encourage federal and provincial governments to implement an economy-wide price on greenhouse gas emissions where currently such a price does not exist.

BC 8 TRAVEL CARBON TAX

The 42nd General Council request that the Executive of the General Council create a policy whereby travel claims related to the business of The United Church of Canada be subject to a carbon tax to be determined by General Council Executive with revenues directed to support environmental initiatives. The court receiving the claim pays the tax.

TOR 3 FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

The 42nd General Council (2015):

1. **Encourage the United Church of Canada Foundation and direct the Executive of the General Council to**
 - a) **take active steps to sell their holdings in the 200 largest fossil fuel companies;**
 - b) **take active steps to use assets made available by divesting from fossil fuel companies to invest in green renewable energy cooperatives**
2. **Direct the General Secretary of General Council to encourage United Church members to use less fossil fuels.**

MAR 2 UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA PENSION BOARD DIVESTMENT FROM GOLDCORP

The 42nd General Council (2015), responding to the ethical imperative of our faith as expressed in the social policies of The United Church of Canada, and commitments to partnership and right relations including support for free, prior and informed consent, instructs the General Secretary to communicate to The United Church of Canada Pension Board (UCCPB) that the will of the church is to divest of its shares in Goldcorp and make public that divestment.

M&O 21 CLIMATE CHANGE PROPOSAL FOR GENERAL COUNCIL 42

The 42nd General Council directs the Executive of the General Council:

- a) to use climate justice as a lens for its work in the next triennium, and;**
- b) to make work on climate justice a priority in our denomination and in our work with partners, and**

also the 42nd General Council encourages the Moderator to make a clear forceful and public statement on The United Church of Canada's position on climate justice before the Paris talks in December 2015.

BC 5 CLIMATE JUSTICE DISCUSSION CIRCLES

That BC 5 be referred to the General Secretary General Council for information in light of M&O 21.

BC 11 CLEAN WATER FOR ALL CANADIANS

The 42nd General Council (2015) direct the General Secretary, General Council to ask publicly for commitment from the federal government that all Canadian communities, including first nations communities, have access to running potable water by 2018; and encourage The United Church of Canada congregations and members to do likewise.

MNWO 6 TRANS CANADA PIPELINE ENERGY EAST PROJECT

The 42nd General Council (2015)

- a. have the General Secretary, General Council write to the Federal Government expressing The United Church of Canada's concerns about The Trans Canada Pipeline Energy East project; and,**

- b. **encourage each of our pastoral charges to consider launching a letter-writing campaign expressing their concerns about the Trans Canada Pipeline Energy East project to both their Provincial and the Federal Governments.**

M&O 20 THE BEACONSFIELD INITIATIVE, EXPLORING CANADIAN MINING PRACTICES AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES, STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS AND STUDYING THE IMPACT OF CANADIAN MINING INTERESTS IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES (PROPOSAL)

the 42nd General Council, in order to extend the work of the Beaconsfield Initiative to the Southern Philippines, direct the Executive of the General Council and General Secretary, General Council to:

1. **call for the following:**
 - a) **the end of the vilification and human rights violations of people and people's organizations of the Southern Philippines;**
 - b) **the end of illegal arrest and imprisonment of people;**
 - c) **the end of abuse, violence, and sex crimes against women in indigenous communities as practiced by the military; and**
 - d) **the protection of the land and resources from destructive large scale mining and all Canadian mining projects affecting communities; and**

2. **take the following actions:**
 - a) **encourage church members to lobby the Canadian government to create a comprehensive corporate accountability framework that:**
 - i. **requires Canadian mining companies operating abroad to respect human rights including the rights of indigenous peoples, labour rights and the right to a healthy environment; and**
 - ii. **creates mechanisms in Canada where those affected by Canadian corporate activity abroad can access justice.**
 - b) **boycott and divest from any companies who use and employ private militias or security forces, trained and equipped by the Armed Forces of the Philippines;**
 - c) **encourage Kairos and other church partners to do the same.**

BQ 2 NEW MISSION FOR THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

The 42nd General Council (2015) direct the General Secretary, General Council to:

- 1. Create a process for the specific purpose of developing a vision statement for The United Church of Canada; and**
- 2. present the results of the work to the 43rd General Council 2018.**

ANW 6 THE RURAL MINISTRY OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

The 42nd General Council (2015):

- 1. recognize the challenges of the rural and/or remote ministry of The United Church of Canada; and**
- 2. direct the General Secretary, General Council to create a process to consider and make recommendations about the future mission and ministry of the rural and/or remote ministry of the church.**

LON 17 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW TASK GROUP “UNITED IN GOD’S WORK” SECURE FUNDING FOR UNITED CHURCH CAMPING

Refer to the General Secretary in light of the Comprehensive Review for further work.