

November 2, 2014 – Chilliwack United Church, Chilliwack BC

A resolution by the participants of the “Rising Hope Gathering” of the Justice Advisory Circle of BC Conference of the United Church of Canada

Whereas climate change is the moral and ethical issue of our times and climate scientists have issued a statement (November 2, 2014) indicating that we are on the edge of a precipice with respect to climate change and that we must respond with immediate global, institutional and personal changes in resource use that result in a massive shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy, and

Whereas renewable energy resources are available and need investment to be realized in the lives of ordinary people:

Therefore be it resolved that we: the participant body of the Rising Hope Workshop of The BC Conference of the United Church of Canada’s Justice Advisory Circle call upon the United Church of Canada, all levels of government, all institutions (public and private) and all individuals to:

- Divest from fossil fuel investments and subsidies
- Invest heavily in the immediate implementation of renewable energy in all public and private forms of energy use.
- Switch energy use from fossil fuel to renewables

Be it further resolved that:

BC Conference of the United Church of Canada direct the Executive Secretary of BC Conference to ensure that the Conference takes an immediate position of strong and effective leadership by example, advocacy and the provision of useful and appropriate resources, and by carrying out the points listed above.

Be it further resolved that:

The Justice Advisory Circle of BC Conference make available a list of such resources as it is aware of to enable the changes proposed.

Be it further resolved that:

Each person signatory to this resolution take every possible step to effect similar change in their personal and institutional lives.