

**GENERAL SYNOD 2019  
RESOLUTION**

Resolution Number C003

**Subject:** Climate Change

**Moved By:** Brynne Blaikie

**Seconded By:** Alexa Wallace

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

1. Recognizes, on behalf of the Anglican Church of Canada, that there is a global climate emergency.
2. Encourage dioceses, parishes, and all members of the Anglican Church of Canada to make the Baptismal Covenant and the fifth Mark of Mission a priority in our faith.
3. Seek to collaborate with other Canadian faith communities to strengthen our voice on climate change.
4. Urge the Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Committee to help organize more sustainable future meetings of the Anglican Church of Canada (such as General Synod and the Council of General Synod), including the possibility of a carbon offset.

**Source:** Youth of General Synod

**Submitted By:** Youth of General Synod

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

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

**EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND**

The Canadian House of Commons has declared a climate emergency. We are nearing a tipping point in climate change that will have catastrophic impacts around the world. With an overwhelming amount of scientific evidence supporting climate change, youth are concerned for the existence of their future.

The Baptismal Covenant and the fifth Mark of Mission asks us to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth. We, as Anglicans, are called into the stewardship of creation. It is our obligation to do everything we can to safeguard the earth and all creatures on it.

A few things we can do to minimize our contribution to climate change are: stop our use of single-use plastics, use less water where possible, invest in sustainable products, and minimize our contribution to greenhouse gases. We can also hope to make future General Synods more

sustainable. We hope the Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Committee will consider a carbon offset as part of this plan.

#### **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.*