

**GENERAL SYNOD 2019
RESOLUTION**

Resolution Number C004

Subject: Climate Change

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Seconded By: Joanne Minnett

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Encourage individual Anglicans to make the climate emergency known to all candidates in the upcoming provincial and federal elections as a priority.
2. Encourage dioceses and parishes to support and participate in the global climate justice rallies occurring for young Canadians on September 20, 2019 and for the wider Canadian community on September 27, 2019.

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

In order to end this climate emergency, the provincial and federal governments need to take an active stance against climate change contributors.

We do not support any party alone, but instead aim to put pressure on all candidates.

Individuals are asked to contact candidates by letter, phone call, personal contact, social media, etc. to let them know that people within Canada's faith communities are prioritizing climate justice and research into renewable energy sources in the election. We can also show support for an end to single-use plastics.

We can make an impact by supporting and partaking in the global climate justice rallies occurring in September 2019. On September 20, 2019 young Canadians will rally for climate change. Then on September 27, 2019 the wider Canadian community is encouraged to participate in similar rallies. The aim of these rallies, put on by groups within Climate Strike Canada, is to make it known to all candidates for the upcoming elections that the climate emergency is a priority to Canadian people.

The demands of the Climate Strike Canada group, as stated on their website, are as follows:

1. **BOLD GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS:**

Legislate greenhouse gas emission reductions of 65% by 2030, reaching net zero emissions by 2040.

2. SEPARATION OF OIL AND STATE:

Reject all new fossil fuel extraction or transportation projects, eliminate fossil fuel subsidies, and price pollution.

3. A JUST TRANSITION:

Transition to renewable energy and sustainable transportation infrastructure while guaranteeing opportunity for fossil fuel workers in the new economy.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS:

Enshrine in law the fundamental right to a healthy environment, this would include, but is not limited to, the right to safe air, clean water, and healthy soil.

5. INDIGENOUS RIGHTS:

Commit to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in full.

6. CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY:

Maintain and protect old growth forests, restore cut blocks, reduce habitat fragmentation and strengthen the protection of at risk species.

7. PROTECTION FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES:

Recognize Canada's disproportionate role in the climate crisis and the subsequent responsibility for the protection of the most vulnerable. Include the addition of climate displacement as a basis for refugee status. Provide climate aid to lower and middle-income countries, as well as Arctic Canada, which disproportionately experience the immediate impacts of global heating.

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.