

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-C042
TITLE: Climate Change: Corporate Governance
PROPOSER: Southern Ohio
TOPIC: Socially Responsible Investment

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-C013 Oppose Environmental Racism
2006-B002 Acknowledge and Reduce Global Warming
2000-D005 Oppose Environmental Racism

Indirectly Related: (Available in the [Acts of Convention](#) database, searchable by resolution number)

2012-B023 Seek Environmental Justice
2009-C012 Urges Scientific Integrity in Environmental Policy

In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1976 through 2015, selecting “direct” resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. The “direct” resolutions are attached and “indirect” resolutions are available in the Acts of Convention database. Committee members who require other research assistance should contact the Archives at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.

C042 Climate Change: Corporate Governance

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm that Global Warming threatens the future of God’s good Creation, and the effects of Global Warming disproportionately hurt/impact the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable in the United States and around the world; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That Episcopalians and The Episcopal Church at every level support efforts that seek to address Global Warming including shareholder-proposed resolutions on Climate Change; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That we ask that the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility of the Executive Council (CCSR), in conjunction with the Church Pension Fund, to identify 10 companies that are among the most responsible for global warming and in which CPG owns shares, and to file or co-file shareholder resolutions requiring them to reserve a seat on their governing boards of directors for a climate scientist; and be it further.
- 4 *Resolved*, That General Convention budget makes this a priority for the triennial as the Stewardship of Creation pillar of the Jesus Movement by allocating \$12,000 – \$15,000 in addition to CCSR’s budget for implementation.

EXPLANATION

No explanation.



Resolution Number: 2015-C013
Title: Oppose Environmental Racism
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recommit to 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.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), pp. 731-732.



Resolution Number: 2006-B002
Title: Acknowledge and Reduce Global Warming
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm that Global Warming threatens the future of God's good creation, and the effects of Global Warming disproportionately hurt the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable in the United States and around the world; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians and The Episcopal Church at every level support efforts that seek to reduce Global Warming, including national and international legislation that increase the supply of clean energy and reduce consumption of fossil fuels; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention commend the Executive Council and particularly its Socially Responsible Investment Committee (SRI) for the work they are now doing with the Global Warming Shareholder Campaign (GWSC), and the Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies (CERES) and the leadership they exercise as a member of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR); and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urge the Executive Council and its SRI to:

- (a) use resources of The Episcopal Church, including its investments, to promote a sustainable global environment;
- (b) seek by shareholder resolutions to change current policies and behaviors of those companies that are significant contributors to Global Warming, and if necessary, divest from those companies;
- (c) call upon the expertise of Episcopalians who are closely connected with the GWSC to assist in this initiative;
- (d) report the results of this initiative to Executive Council no later than its fall meeting in 2007.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 662.



Resolution Number: 2000-D005
Title: Oppose Environmental Racism
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention of the Episcopal Church call on those present at this Convention to seek every opportunity to oppose environmental racism; and be it further Resolved, That the Washington office track legislation seeking to eliminate the practice of locating polluting industries disproportionately near neighborhoods inhabited by people of color or the poor; and be it further

Resolved, That the Washington office monitor and issue policy alerts regarding the practice of mountain top removal and valley fill mining and other large scale mining operations that threaten the ecology and low income communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Social Responsibilities in Investments review the environmental racism issue.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 677f.