

October 27, 2015

The Ven. Elizabeth Hardy
Archdeacon of York, CAO & Secretary of Synod
Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto
135 Adelaide St. E.
Toronto, ON M5C 1L8

Please accept the following Notice of Motion for the 156th Regular Session of Synod:

Preamble:

Because climate change caused by human-generated greenhouse gas emissions is an undeniable threat to our ecosystem and to life on this planet;

and because we are bound, by our baptismal covenant, to "strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth";

and because we are committed to rebuilding right relationship with Canada's Indigenous peoples, the original stewards of this land, as part of our ongoing work of reconciliation;

and because our theological commitments must be realized in all aspects of our corporate life, including our financial practices;

Motion:

It is MOVED by the Rev. Maggie Helwig and SECONDED by the Rev. Canon David Harrison that Synod acknowledges and applauds the efforts being made by the Investment Committee to withdraw from the most environmentally damaging of our investments, particularly those in tar sands oil; and Synod encourages the continuation of these efforts, in co-operation with our ecumenical partners and with national church structures.