



Calls for help from people bearing the brunt of climate impacts regularly go unanswered

A Christian Call to Action

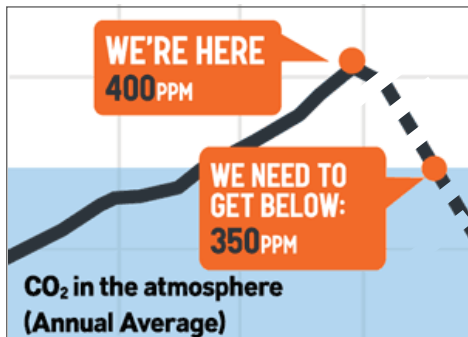
In light of the teachings and life of Jesus, Christians bear a particular responsibility to call for action to bring about climate justice.

All people of faith should be concerned that climate stress fall disproportionately on the poor and vulnerable. Loving one's neighbour becomes more difficult when we struggle to find food, shelter, and drinkable water is nearly impossible.

"and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" Micah 6:8

"If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?" James 2:15-16

Avoiding climate chaos means limiting global warming to 2°C, which means leaving 80% of fossil fuel reserves in the ground uncombusted.



Developing Our TSP Response

Canada's climate policies blatantly oppose climate justice, despite strong campaigns by individuals and organizations from our community and beyond demanding action on climate justice.

A campaign led by 350.org has mobilized over 19 religious institutions, 8 post-secondary institutions, 22 municipalities, 2 counties, 3 foundations and 6 other institutions as having committed to divest from fossil fuel companies, and the numbers are growing. The Toronto-based division of 350.org (toronto350.org) is mounting a similar divestment campaign at the University of Toronto.

TSP's Climate Justice Group has discerned that joining a broad divestment campaign is a faithful, practical, and bold step toward climate justice.

The Spirit tells us that financial pressure on the major fossil fuel players is needed now.

More information is in the [divestment primer on the TSP website](#)



We call on all people of faith to rise up for climate justice

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"If it's wrong to wreck the planet, then it's wrong to profit from that wreckage."

- Bill McKibben and Kumi Naidoo



Divesting from Fossil Fuels

What Is Climate Justice?

Floods, droughts and the spread of diseases will impact the Global South predominantly. However, the emissions that cause climate chaos come mostly from high-income countries. The disparity between the rich who generated the emissions and the poor who bear the impact is unjust. Climate justice is when the emitters reduce their emissions and support others to adequately deal with the impacts.

Disrupting global temperature and precipitation patterns threatens ecological functions on which human and other life currently depends. Genocide in Darfur, tensions in the Middle East (Israel and Palestine and Syria), and refugees in Africa all connect directly to climate chaos.

Poor countries and indigenous communities are paying the price for rich countries' fossil fuel binge.

In Canada, indigenous populations face a greater risk due to aging and inefficient infrastructure, dependence on ice roads in northern regions, and the federal government's poor track record responding to acute needs in indigenous communities.

Why Divestment?

Divestment firmly declares, "No!" to the federal government's and the fossil fuel sector's *laissez-faire* approaches to climate chaos. Divestment creates the market signal that companies need to change their behaviour. A large, mobilized, divestment campaign signals to fossil fuel-friendly governments and companies that their social license to operate has expired.

Divestment tells companies and governments they need a new approach to climate justice.



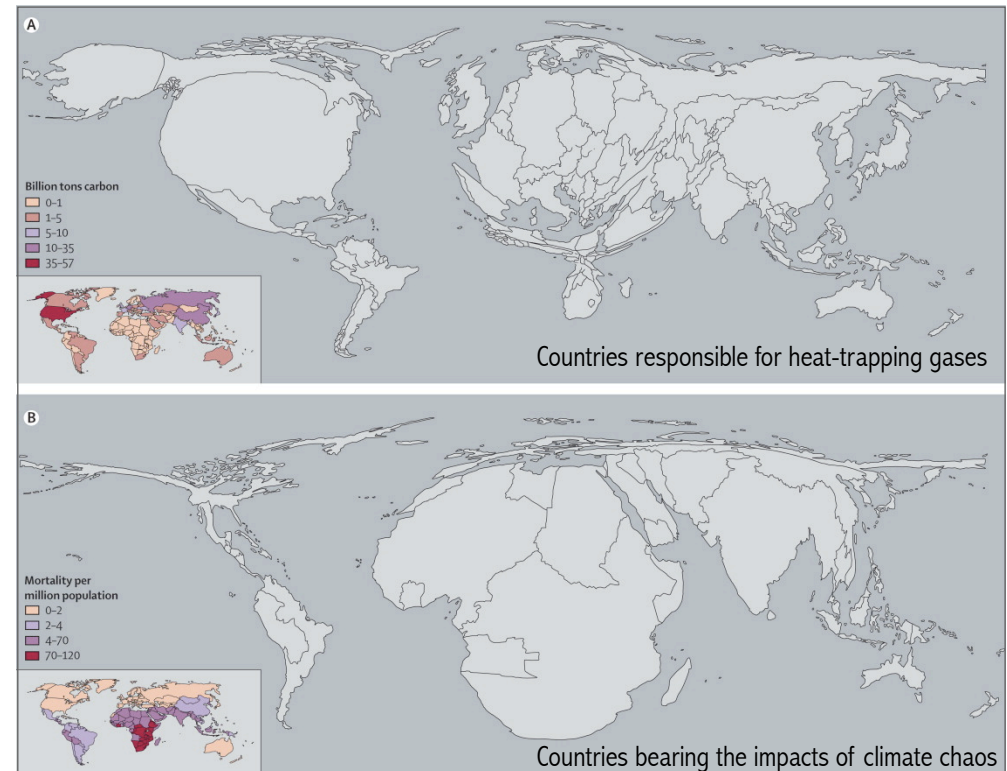
Canadian governments continually ignore demands for climate justice

Motion for 2014 Annual General Meeting

“That Trinity-St. Paul's divest of its holdings of the 200 largest fossil fuel companies to send a signal to those and other companies and policy-makers that we do not want to participate in generating excessive heat-trapping emissions, which is leading the planet to ecological chaos and opposing God's mission of abundant life for all Creation.”

Your Support

We invite you to vote in support of TSP divesting from the largest fossil fuel companies. We will add momentum to divestment campaigns showing broad support for climate justice.



This density-equalising cartogram from [The Lancet](#) compares cumulative greenhouse gas emissions from 1950 to 2000 (top map) to the distribution of four climate-sensitive health consequences: malaria, malnutrition, diarrhea, and inland flood-related fatalities (bottom map).