

Thursday, July 26, 2018

2018-07-34. Jillian Smith (Saratoga) spoke for the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) committee on the topic of climate change. The report and requests for action are attached; (see Attachments). Friends resonated with the report and its timeliness and also the need for additional information from several groups before moving ahead. Friends directed that we forward the report to the trustees, Earthcare Working Group, the Communications Committee, and any other groups whose charges are relevant to the FWCC Committee's request for action. These groups should work together and with the FWCC committee to prepare a collective report to the body at fall Sessions on the feasibility of the requests for action, with all relevant supporting information. Jeffrey Aaron will take responsibility for providing this information to the committees.

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### **Call for Action on Climate Change**

*See 2018-07-34*

*Minute approved by the FWCC committee of NYYM Summer Sessions 2017 (Requesting support from Earthcare Working Group and Indian Affairs Committee)*

The Friends World Committee for Consultation calls the NYYM to take action on climate change. Both the Kabarak Call for Peace and Ecojustice in 2012 and the Pisac Minute on Living Sustainably and Sustaining Life on Earth in 2016 were passionate requests from the world body of Friends that each yearly and monthly meeting attend to the dire situation of our planet. Our yearly meeting has not taken up meaningful action and we feel that the urgency of the situation demands more. We must move quickly and decisively to limit climate change and do our best to safeguard Earth for generations to come.

Communities around the globe are already suffering from the effects of climate change. We call on NYYM to commit to the following actions as part of our recognition that Earth is our sacred home and that all people and creatures deserve clean air, water, and land.

1. Divest all NYYM funds from fossil fuels, starting this year and completing divestment within 5 years. Encourage monthly, quarterly, and regional meetings and individuals to do the same.
2. Re-invest in renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, energy efficiency technology, carbon sequestration, reforestation, and clean drinking water technology.
3. Establish a page on the NYYM website with information and resources for meetings and individuals for reducing carbon emissions.
4. Support monthly, quarterly, and regional meetings and individuals in initiating and completing projects that reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Ask each meeting to undertake a project within the next year and report progress to the yearly meeting on a blog, website, or other forum where information can be shared. Encourage meetings to consider projects that might have greater impact than just renovating meeting houses.

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