

RESOLUTION TITLE: On the Disclosure of Church Investments in Weapons Manufacturing and Fossil Fuels

RESOLVED, that the 233rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island instruct the Commission on Investments to prepare a report to include, at minimum, the following information for all invested Diocesan funds: the names of all banks, funds, and other entities in which any Diocesan funds are invested; whether or not each entity owns any holdings in weapons manufacturing or fossil fuels; and the estimated percentage and amount of each investment in weapons manufacturing or fossil fuels, to be reported as separate items, based on that data. And be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Commission on Investments complete and share this report with the people of the Diocese (via diocesan e-news) by June 30, 2025. And be it further,

RESOLVED, that this Convention encourage the Commission on Investments to enlist the help of volunteers from the wider Diocesan community in researching and drafting the report. And be it further,

RESOLVED, that this Convention encourage all congregations whose funds are not kept in the Diocesan Investment Trust to engage in the same exploratory effort.

#### EXPLANATION

As we witness the violent impacts of conflict throughout the world, we are called to discern, by scripture and reason, when church investments in the military-industrial complex and fossil fuel industry violate our Baptismal covenant to renounce “the evil powers of this world, which corrupt and destroy the Creatures of God.”

As slaughter and environmental devastation proliferate unchecked, we call on the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island to enter into sustained, critical reflection on our own complicity in the crimes and transgressions of our nation and world.

We trust and pray that the diocese will conduct this collective examen and share it locally, nationally, and abroad. This is a wilderness cry for peace and justice, doing what we can in our own corner of the Church.

We present this resolution as an opportunity for the diocese to claim the promised blessing of the Peacemaker in the Beatitudes (Matthew 5), and to live into the prophetic vision of Isaiah (2:4-5): “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!”

May it be so.

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