

Courtesy Resolution #6

Thanking Phil MacVean and Others for Their Contributions to Creating a Fossil Fuel-Free Diocese

RESOLVED, That the 193rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont recognize and honor John Felde for sponsoring the 2020 Resolution #5, Transition to Renewable Energy; the 188th Convention in 2020 for adopting it with 94 percent of delegates concurring; the persons who volunteered at the 187th Convention for the task force (David Carey, Cam Featherstonhaugh, Jon Felde, Eric Fenton, Wendy Grace, Carey Gaunt, Ray Mayer, Susan McGarry, Julie Sussman-Jones); and those who met to launch the task force in 2021 (Bishop Shannon, Canon Walter Brownridge, David Carey, Jon Felde, Frank Guillot); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Convention especially recognize and honor Phil MacVean for reinvigorating diocesan efforts to take action on climate change in 2024 and 2025; and give thanks to Bishop Shannon and the diocesan staff for supporting the work of the current Zero Emissions Task Force (Cam Featherstonhaugh and Gaen Murphree, co-chairs, Susan Ficklin, the Rev. Rachel Field, Frank Guillot, Joann Erenhouse, Phil MacVean, Margaret Schotto), and to Mark Gibson, of Zero Emission Churches, based in the Anglican Diocese of Montreal, for his ongoing help and support.

EXPLANATION

The Zero Emissions Task Force has sponsored Resolution #9, Phase Out Fossil Fuels in the Diocese of Vermont by 2034, for consideration at this Diocesan Convention. The resolution and its explanation have information about efforts in the Diocese of Vermont, the rationale for phasing out fossil fuels in church structures, and an extensive list of resources. This courtesy resolution recognizes the work and persistence of many prior to and following the disruptions of the Covid pandemic that have led to the current resolution.