An Economy of Life

A Statement from Canadian Faith Leaders

Summary

Key Points

- Canadian faith leaders call for an “economy of life” that measures success by the flourishing of people and nature, not economic growth alone.
- The statement links worsening wildfires and climate disruption to fossil fuels and criticizes the lack of public discussion of their causes.
- Care for creation is presented as a sacred responsibility requiring justice, humility, and change within faith communities as well as society.
- The leaders oppose expanding fossil fuel production and public subsidies, advocating renewable energy and a just transition that supports workers, communities, and youth.
- They call for Indigenous rights, free, prior, and informed consent, meaningful public consultation, and transparent, accountable decision-making.

Action Items

- Endorse the statement and advocate for just, sustainable policies and their implementation.
- Write to Members of Parliament and the Prime Minister, urging care for people and creation, democratic consultation, and accountable leadership.
- Discuss climate change and a just transition in worship, preaching, prayer, and congregational communications.
- Join community gatherings, prayer, and public action as opportunities arise. Let’s act with hope and a shared responsibility to future generations.
- Sign the the petition at https://orcie.org/our-work/an-economy-of-life/