

*As leaders across diverse religious and spiritual communities
around the globe, we call on governments to
develop and implement a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.*

We have been granted a gift, an earth created in all its diversity, vitality, and abundance, for which we are called upon to be stewards. But this role of stewardship has been overshadowed by neglect, exploitation, and unsustainable consumption that threaten the natural balance, social harmony, and existence of life on earth.

Too many coal mines and oil and gas wells are already under production, setting the world on course to fail to meet the Paris Agreement's goal of 1.5°C. To avoid the worst impacts of the climate crisis, we must hold ourselves, our neighbours, our governments, accountable and collectively act. ... The burning of coal, oil, and gas is responsible for 86% of CO₂ emissions in the past decade, according to the IPCC (The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change). Just 100 companies account for more than 70% of emissions. With the emissions also come the costs of local pollution, environmental degradation, and health impacts associated with extracting, refining, transporting, and burning fossil fuels. ...

The science surrounding the most urgent danger facing humanity is undeniable: to be good caretakers of our common home, we must act and phase out the production of fossil fuels.

The current scale of the climate crisis requires a cooperative global solution that addresses the fossil fuel industry directly. We call on governments to urgently commence negotiations to develop and implement a **Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty**, laying out a binding global plan to:

1. **End expansion of any new coal, oil or gas production** in line with the best available science as outlined by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the United Nations Environment Programme;
2. **Phase-out existing production of fossil fuels in a manner that is fair and equitable**, taking into account the respective dependency of countries on fossil fuels and their capacity to transition;
3. **Ensure a global just transition to 100% access to renewable energy globally**, support dependent economies to diversify away from fossil fuels, and enable all people and communities, not least the Global South, to flourish.

We hail from many faiths and beliefs, but together we can remedy the decades of negligence to safeguard our coexistence with this earth. Just as our beliefs are entrenched in religious and spiritual teachings, our response to the climate crisis must be deeply rooted in science and equity to heal the planet and people alike.

We have a narrow window of opportunity to act which is why we are joining the growing chorus of Indigenous Peoples, civil society leaders, youth, cities, lawmakers, academics, and scientists calling for a global treaty to phase out fossil fuels and support a just transition powered by clean energy and a sustainable future for all.

The Religious Diversity Centre Climate Action Group is pleased to present this Statement of the Call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty as endorsed by religious leaders and organisations from across Aotearoa New Zealand.

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Religious Society of Friends in Aotearoa New Zealand
The Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'is, New Zealand
The Council of Christians and Muslims, Auckland
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St Peter's Anglican Parish, Onehunga, Auckland
The Bay of Islands Uniting Parish
The Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish
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