

# GENERAL CONFERENCE PETITION GC04

## 2015 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **TITLE: DO NOT INVEST IN PETROLEUM, COAL AND NATURAL GAS**

2 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL: Vernon A. Groves and Bob Wilson, leaders in the**  
3 **Creation Care Ministries at First United Methodist Church of Portland, OR. USA**

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8 **This petition is a change or addition to the 2012 United Methodist Book of Resolutions,**  
9 **Section 4071**

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11 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION: YES 9, NO 13, ABSTAIN 1**

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13 **Text of the Disciplinary change or Resolution:**

14 *Socially Responsible Investing Strategies*

15 The Church shall pursue its investment policy goals through widely practiced socially responsible  
16 investing tools such as:

17 1. Portfolio screening

18 Based on long-standing United Methodist values, the Church does not invest in companies deriving  
19 significant revenue (usually 10 percent or more) from:

- 20 • alcoholic beverages
- 21 • tobacco products;
- 22 • gambling equipment or enterprises;
- 23 • pornography;
- 24 • operating or managing prison facilities;
- 25 • **the production of petroleum, coal, or natural gas;**
- 26 • antipersonnel weapons, armaments, ammunition, or weapons-related systems provided for  
27 commercial and private markets and nuclear weapons.

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29 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

30 **What will this action accomplish?**

31 This action will signal that The United Methodist Church recognizes that its churches are on the front  
32 lines of climate change around the world, and that it is wrong for the denomination's pension fund  
33 and ministries to be funded through profits from the fossil fuel companies that are wreaking havoc  
34 on God's creation.

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36 **Why is it important?**

37 Continued investment in fossil fuels undermines The United Methodist Church's ministries with  
38 people around the world, particularly those who are young, old, sick, hungry and/or living in poverty.