

STOP FUNDING CLIMATE CHAOS

the moral imperative is clear

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We, a diverse group of faith communities and people, are here today to deliver a simple and urgent message: TD Bank, and the TD companies to which it belongs, must immediately stop funding new fossil fuel projects.

According to the most recent reports of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the internationally accepted authority on human-induced climate change, the world must take quick and bold action to reverse our reliance on fossil fuels in order to avoid climate catastrophe.

In reacting to the IPCC reports, Antonio Guterres, the UN Secretary General has said, "The scientific and moral imperative is clear: there must be no new investment in fossil fuel expansion, including production, infrastructure and exploration."

The world's climate scientists are telling us that we are currently on a fast track to climate disaster, and the financing of new fossil fuel infrastructure puts that into even higher gear.

And yet, in just the last five years alone, TD companies have invested more than \$121 BILLION dollars in new fossil fuel projects.

Perhaps the most egregious among these many projects is the Trans Mountain Pipeline. The construction of this pipeline would violate treaties with indigenous peoples, endanger major waterways, and devastate pristine lands, all while fostering the accelerated development of Alberta's tar sands oil, the world's dirtiest, most climate-disrupting oil.

We implore TD Bank, the TD conglomerate, and all large banks, insurance companies, asset managers and institutional investors to immediately cease the funding and insuring of fossil fuel projects and to re-align their business interests with the hopes, aspirations and rights of humanity and the natural world by investing instead in the clean, renewable energy we need for a habitable planet.

The moral precepts of our various faiths, value systems and codes of ethics compel us to speak out about the sacredness of our shared Earth and against the unjust recklessness of new fossil fuel development.

Imposing impossible burdens on frontline communities and stealing the future from coming generations is immoral and must stop.

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