

Environmental Motions

The following chart is available to help members compare the environmental motions coming to Synod. Highlighted colours illustrate the parts of the motions that overlap. The movers and seconders are being invited to address how their motions overlap/contradict each other and overlap/contradict Motion #11 from 2019 as part of their remarks.

Motion# 11A	Motion #11C	Motion# 11D	Motion #11E	Motion# 11F	Motion #11 (2019)
Affordable Housing	Staff Person	Church Energy Management	Affordable Housing Plan	Amendment to 2019 Motion	FOR INFORMATION ONLY
<p>MOVED by Frank Cormier and SECONDED by Marion Thompson that the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto direct the Synod Council to draft,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Revisions to the policies, Canons, and Constitution, as applicable, of the Diocese to facilitate parishes engaging in creative and innovative land uses and partnerships; and Diocesan policies that give preference to the use of surplus Diocesan lands for the purpose of affordable housing and other community centric uses, where appropriate. And that those draft revisions be brought forward at the next session of Synod for consideration. 	<p>MOVED by the Rev. Hernan Astudillo and SECONDED by the Rev. Dr. Catherine Keating that the 161st Synod of the Diocese of Toronto recommends that the Diocese responds to the affordable housing crisis across the Diocese by appointing and hiring a full-time Director who is completely experienced in building affordable housing, the funding for this position to be realized through the establishment of partnership and require Synod Council to make any necessary adjustments to the budget to make the hiring possible reporting back to Synod and the Diocese in 6 months and continue to do so at 6 month intervals until a Director has been hired.</p>	<p>MOVED by the Rev. Dr. Alison Kemper and SECONDED by Stuart Hutcheson, ODT that the Diocese of Toronto adopt the national Net Zero Churches Network approach as a model for management of diocesan property:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Every church to begin to assess their energy management challenges by completing a self-guided building audit and energy audit no later than their next required building survey. Churches contemplating renovations/upgrades to HVAC to complete thermal imaging whenever possible, and be given information by the Diocese about recommended energy solutions for their building. Diocese to connect parishes with the necessary expertise and assistance (incl. potential financial assistance) to pursue net-zero type solutions. All redevelopment projects to clearly demonstrate efforts to adopt energy solutions that will bring them closer to net-zero GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions. 	<p>MOVED by the Rev. Angie Hocking and SECONDED by the Rev. Jeff Nowers that this Synod ensure that the Affordable Housing Plan (Motion #11, 2019) is implemented in a way that prioritizes the wellbeing of our communities as well as our congregations by</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> aiming to increase the number of affordable units in each new housing project; ensuring that a meaningful portion of new housing is financially accessible to those with incomes equal to or less than current social assistance levels; considering all diocesan lands as potential sites for affordable housing, especially vacant and under-utilized lands. 	<p>MOVED by the Rev. Dr. Jason McKinney and SECONDED by the Rev. Angie Hocking that this Synod request Synod Council to respond to the affordable housing crisis across the diocese by developing an Affordable Housing Plan. This Plan will</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> determine the feasibility of building affordable housing on diocesan-owned lands; prioritize strategic partnerships with industry experts in the fields of planning, development, and affordable housing provision; establish specific achievable targets clearly define the meaning of affordability for each project. 	<p>MOVED by the Rev. Dr. Jason McKinney and SECONDED by the Rev. Canon David Harrison that this Synod request Diocesan Council (or its successor) to respond to the affordable housing crisis across the diocese by developing an Affordable Housing Plan. This Plan will</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> determine the feasibility of building affordable housing on diocesan-owned lands; prioritize strategic partnerships with industry experts in the fields of planning, development, and affordable housing provision; establish specific achievable targets (e.g. 250 units by 2024) <p>The Plan should be completed by November 30, 2020 at which time a report to Synod and to the diocese will be made. CARRIED.</p>