

MRTI Report to 2020 GA

Proposal for Open Space at National Capital Presbytery

This proposed Open Space for the January 28 would have a discussion of the report that the PC(USA)'s Committee for Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) will present at the 2020 GA.

The GA in 2018 "Direct[ed] MRTI to continue its engagement process with deliberate haste and continue to utilize its Guideline Metrics with corporations in the 2019 and 2020 proxy seasons and report back three years of metrics to the 224th General Assembly (2020) with divestment recommendations for the companies who are not moving towards compliance with the General Assembly's criteria established by the 222nd General Assembly (2016)."

MRTI has continued its engagement on environment and climate justice, as directed, and has prepared a report for GA 2020, which includes specific divestment recommendations for petroleum companies. The report also explains the process by which MRTI came to these recommendations. MRTI will finalize the report in mid-January, prior to the presbytery meeting.

Many churches and individuals in the NCP have shown strong interest in climate justice and would probably welcome a chance to read and discuss the MRTI report. Steve Webb (RE at United Christian Parish of Reston) would lead the discussion. He is a member of MRTI Committee and for four years has been on the Environment and Climate Changed subcommittee that had a major role in preparing the report.