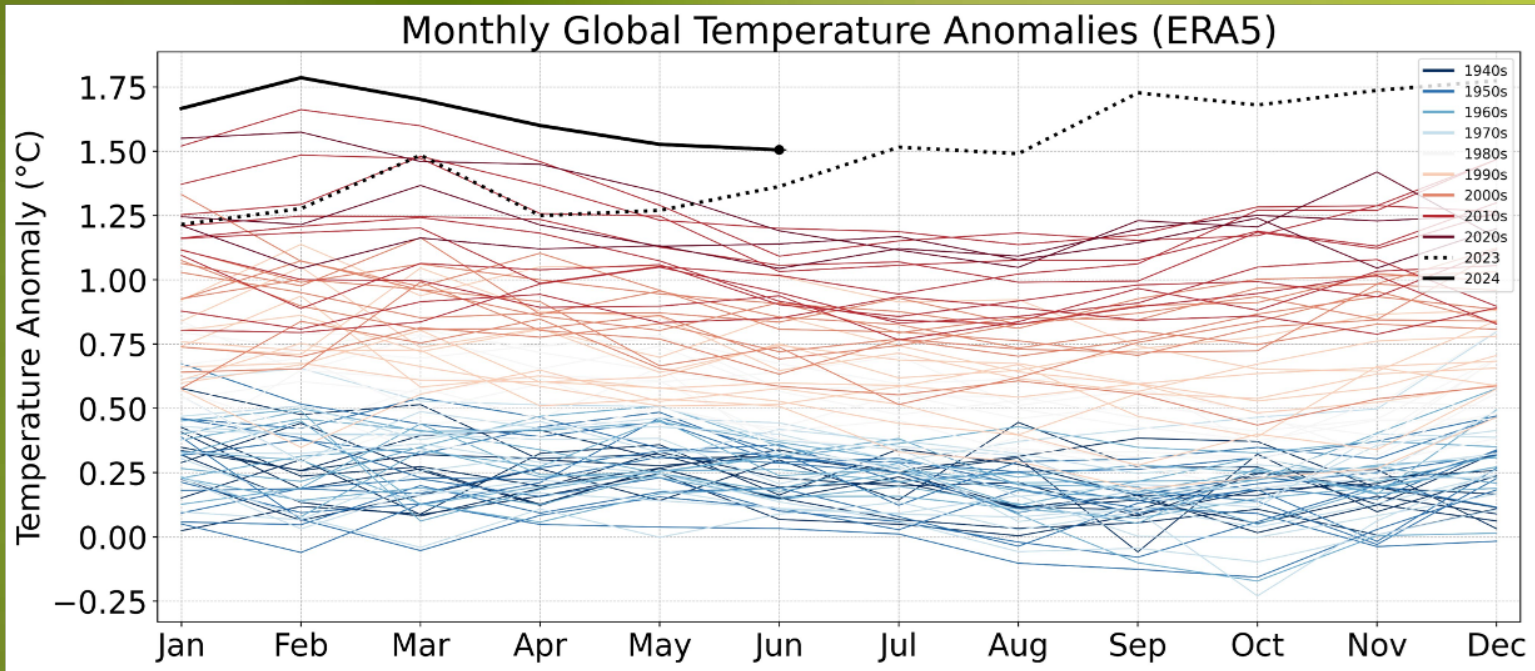


Review of GA 226 and Impacts on Presbyterian Earth Care

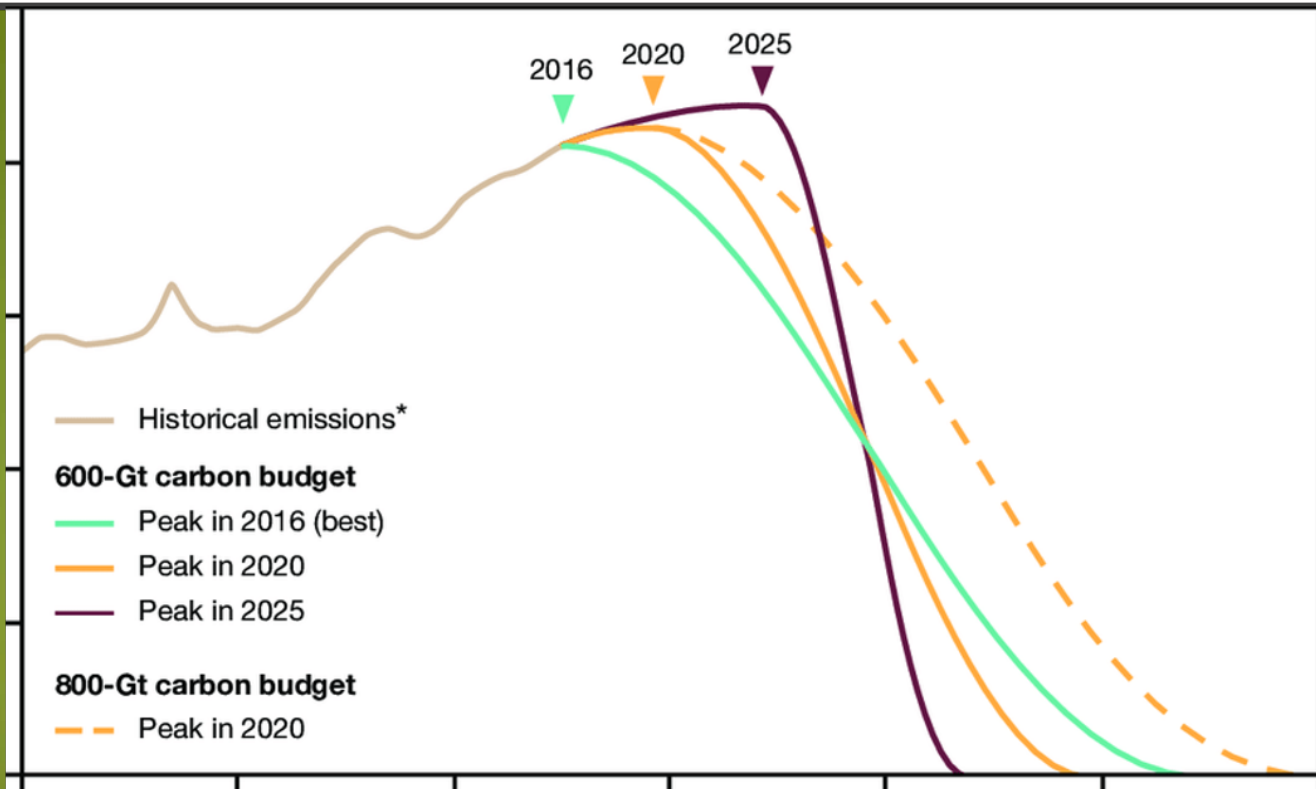


Presenters:
Mark Eakin
Bruce Gillette
Jenny Holmes
Fred Milligan
Jamie White

WE ARE SETTING TEMPERATURE RECORDS AT A RECORD PACE



1998: 12 YEARS TO DEAL WITH CLIMATE CHANGE



GA Overture Overview

ENV 01: Adoption of the One Billion for Peace Pledge

ENV 02: On Removal of Investments In and Subsidies For Fossil Fuels

ENV 03: On Becoming Free From Plastic Pollution

ENV 04: Lithium Mining Paper

ENV 06: Response to the 225th General Assembly Directive on Applying Environmental Policy & Continuing Corporate Engagement

ENV 07: Docket Time for Treasury Dept. to Educate About Inflation Reduction Act

DOE 08: On Adopting “Protecting Utah’s National Monuments & Wildlands for Ecology & Justice”

FIN 02: MRTI Recommendation to Create a 1984 Policy Review Task Force

GA Overture Overview

ENV 01: Adoption of the One Billion for Peace Pledge

Committee Vote: 32-12-0 Approved as Amended

Plenary Vote: Approved as Amended on Consent Agenda

- **"Sustainable peace entails the physical, material, psychological, cultural/religious, and ecological well-being of all peoples. We declare our organizational intention to pursue sustainable peace in our work and our lives"**
- **PMA develop long-term strategy for mitigating effects of climate change**
- **Include other faith groups, such as World Communion of Reformed Churches, other PCUSA councils & PCUSA members**
- **PMA report back in 2026 on progress**

GA Overture Overview

ENV 03: On Becoming Free From Plastic Pollution

Committee Vote: 39-5-0 Approved

Plenary Vote: Approved on Consent Agenda

- **Commitment to change from disposable culture to reusable, sustainable one**
- **Educate on alternatives to single-use plastics**
- **Strategies and actions to mitigate plastic pollution**
- **Reduce use of single-use plastics and packaging**
- **Church to join in opportunities to participate in addressing plastic pollution**
- **Accommodations for impacted groups**
- **Speak public truth about plastic pollution**



NATIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC

PLANET OR PLASTIC?

**18 billion pounds of
plastic ends up in
the ocean each year.**
And that's just the
tip of the iceberg.

*"Plastics aren't inherently
bad. It's what we do,
or don't do, with them
that counts."*

— SYLVIA EARLE
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
EXPLORER-IN-RESIDENCE

GA Overture Overview

ENV 04: Lithium Mining Paper

Committee Vote: 41-6-0 Approved as Amended

Plenary Vote: Approved as Amended on Consent Agenda

- **Give thanks to God for historic witness of PCUSA - ecojustice**
- **Confess complicity in ongoing unjust systems intersecting with green economy**
- **Free Prior Informed Consent related to lithium mining and negative impacts**
- **Protect communities vulnerable to exploitation**
- **PMA to develop worship resource**

GA Overture Overview

DOE 08: On Adopting “Protecting Utah’s National Monuments & Wildlands for Ecology & Justice”

Committee Vote: 37-3-0 Approved

Plenary Vote: Approved on Consent Agenda

- **Ongoing protection of Utah Wilderness, especially Bears Ears National Monument, Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument, & sign Interfaith Joint Statement on the Care of Creation and Perpetual Preservation of Utah Wilderness**
- **OPW advocate for America’s Red Rock Wilderness Act & tribal Sovereignty in co-management of Bears Ears**
- **Encourage listening to tribes and organizations**

GA Overture Overview

ENV 02: On Removal of Investments In and Subsidies For Fossil Fuels

Committee Vote: 27-17 Approved

Plenary Vote (morning): 284 - 146 Approved

Plenary Vote (afternoon): 264-146 Disapproved (Final)

- **Declare continued support of fossil fuels through PCUSA investment funds violates our biblical charge as humanity to care for creation**
- **Publicly traded companies with primary income from fossil fuels placed on GA list of prohibited securities**
- **Call to align all investment decisions immediately**

GA Overture Overview

ENV 02: On Removal of Investments In and Subsidies For Fossil Fuels

- **Strongly encourage all congregations, presbyteries, synods, the Board of Pensions and the Presbyterian Foundation, as well as Church-related educational institutions and individual church members, to align their investment decisions with this declaration with all due speed and diligence.**
- **Call to seek investments in clean renewable energy companies**
- **Request reports from BOP and PF at next General Assembly on steps taken to align investment decisions**
- **Call on U.S. government to end all subsidies for production & development of fossil fuels**

GA Overture Overview

FIN 02: MRTI Recommendation to Create a 1984 Policy Review Task Force

Committee Vote: 36-4-0 Approved as Amended

Plenary Vote: Approved as Amended on Consent Agenda

- **Create task to force to review divestment strategy of PCUSA and report back to 227th GA with any recommended modifications**
- **Description of task force participation and support**

GA Overture Overview

ENV 07: Docket Time for Treasury Dept. to Educate About Inflation Reduction Act

Committee Vote: 38-7-0 Approved as Amended

Plenary Vote: Approved as Amended on Consent Agenda

- **Docket 10 minutes in plenary session to allow US Dept. of Treasury official to speak to GA on how available government funds can help churches & members care for God's creation**
- **Request OPW, PHP, PILP, and PEC to expand efforts to educate on how to use IRA funds to care for creation**

Developing Community Solar Projects



**A PEC Webinar
Tuesday, July 16th**

**Presenters: June and Mark Eakin
Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church**



IRA Funds

For Individual & Church Green Energy Projects

**A Presbyterians for Earth Care
Webinar**

July 23, 2024

Presenter: Ronald Newman, U.S. Dept. of Treasury

Cosponsored by Presbyterian Hunger Program & Office of Public Witness

This workshop is offered free of cost,
but please consider making a donation
to the work of PEC through our website
presbyearthcare.org/giving

