

**ITEM B.114
FOR ACTION**

<i>FOR PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY</i>			
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Subject: Comment to the 221st GA (2014) - Overture 064 “On Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies – From the Presbytery of the Palisades”

Recommendation:

That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following comment on Overture 064 “On Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies – From the Presbytery of the Palisades”

Comment:

The Presbyterian Mission Agency, through the Environmental Ministries Office, <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/> provides Bible studies, devotionals, educational resources and advocacy suggestions, all designed to equip congregations to increase involvement in caring for God’s creation, including becoming certified as an “Earth Care Congregation” <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations/>.

There are also resources available that specifically address concerns about climate change. <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/climate-change/>

The PCUSA is an active member of Creation Justice Ministries, <http://www.creationjustice.org/> an ecumenical partnership addressing climate change and other environmental concerns. The PCUSA is also founding member of Ceres, <http://www.ceres.org/> and the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR) <http://www.iccr.org/>. These organizations routinely review behavior of fossil fuel companies and mobilize business leadership for a sustainable world.

The Committee on Mission Responsibility through Investment (MRTI) engages corporations in support of policies and practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and works in coalition with other organizations.