Your name(s)

Your title(s) if applicable

Name of faith community

Address

Email or phone

Date

Bank Manager’s Name

Bank Manager’s Title

Bank Name

Address

FAITH-BASED RESOLUTION ON [BANK NAME]’S CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

Whereas, construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline along the proposed route endangers indigenous water and land; and

Whereas, on January 24, 2017 President Donald Trump signed an executive order to revive the Dakota Access Pipeline despite global outcry, blatant conflicts of interest, and the recent decision of the Army Corp of Engineers to halt the project; and

Whereas, construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline along the proposed route is contrary to the rule of law, as expressed in the Fort Laramie Treaties and the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and

Whereas, the horrendous record of oil spills by Sunoco Logistics, the operator of the pipeline, including more than 200 crude oil spills since 2010, demonstrates the grave risk to indigenous water, land, and people; and

Whereas, militarized and excessive violence against water protectors at Standing Rock, including the use of attack dogs, water hoses in freezing temperatures and rubber bullets, which have resulted in grievous injuries, violates religious freedom and human rights; and

Whereas, rampant intimidation of the press at Standing Rock, including the illegal arrest of reporter Amy Goodman, violates our constitutional rights and threatens the core tenets of our democracy; and

Whereas, our role as people of faith is to care for the most vulnerable and voiceless people in our world, as well as to care for God’s creation and protect it from exploitation and ruin; and

Whereas, our faith leads us to value water as sacred, not just for some but for all; and

Whereas, we affirm the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that “He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it;” and

Whereas, we cannot in good conscience profit from, contribute to, or tolerate the above abuses inflicted upon our sisters and brothers;

Therefore, we call on [Bank Name] to cease all funding of the Dakota Access Pipeline, whether through Sunoco Logistics, Energy Transfer Partners, Energy Transfer Equity, or Dakota Access.

Be it further resolved, that until all funding of these entities has ceased, we are prepared to take the following actions as people of faith who abhor injustice, violence, the destruction of the earth, and the erosion of our press freedoms and our democracy:

1. We will publicly pray for Standing Rock and for the complete and indefinite cessation of the construction of the Dakota Pipeline, including in front of and inside [Bank Name] locations, even to the point of arrest
2. We will commit to moving our money from [Bank Name] to banks and credit unions that are not funding the Dakota Access Pipeline and which offer ethical, fossil-free investment options
3. We will educate our friends and family on this issue and provide them with the tools and resources to move their money from [Bank Name] as well
4. We will publicize our efforts through traditional and social media, including letters to local publications in [Bank’s Locality]

We are deeply grateful to you for reading this letter, and will keep you in our prayers as you make these important decisions.

Sincerely,

[Sign and print your name(s) here]