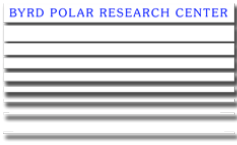




Ohio Interfaith Power and Light Cool Congregations Energy Education & Energy Audit Program



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With support from the Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF), and in partnership with the Byrd Polar Research Center and a statewide network of energy service professionals, Ohio Interfaith Power and Light is pleased to offer energy efficiency education and energy audits for Ohio congregations. With no up front cost, participating congregations will:

- 1) **Calculate your carbon footprint** using Interfaith Power and Light's online carbon footprint calculator (www.coolcongregations.com), and involve at least five households from your congregation's membership in reducing their household carbon footprint. Prizes will be awarded in Ohio to congregations (households included) that reduce their footprint the most by the end of 2009. (Note: The deadline for IPL's \$10,000 national carbon footprint reduction contest is March 1, 2009.)
- 2) **Attend an energy efficiency workshop** to receive hands-on instruction and training in energy efficiency and conservation for your congregation. Workshops will be held regionally throughout Ohio starting in March 2009.
- 3) **Track your congregation's energy use** with EPA Energy Star's *Portfolio Manager* energy performance rating system. An OhIPL volunteer will visit your house of worship to help you set up this system. In exchange for this assistance, a member of your congregation will likewise offer set-up help to another participating congregation.
- 4) **Receive a walk-through energy audit** of your house of worship, including a written report of the most significant improvements you can make to save energy and money in your facility. OEEF funding allows OhIPL to cover the up-front cost of the energy audit, conducted by a local energy service professional; **your congregation will pay back the audit cost out of your energy savings in the first year following the audit, on a sliding scale.**

Annual Budget of Congregation	Audit Cost to Repay After One Year
Less than \$150,000	\$300
Between \$150,000 and \$350,000	\$500
Over \$350,000	\$700

- 5) **Receive support in interpreting, prioritizing, and implementing energy saving measures and improvements** recommended in the audit. This includes activity ideas, resources, and materials to help your congregation get involved in making improvements to your facility.

OhIPL Covenant Congregations have first priority to receive energy audits, and the remaining audits will be made available on a first come, first served basis. For more information on becoming a Covenant Congregation or to request an audit, contact ohioipl@gmail.com, or visit www.ohipl.org.