

Mission Statement

Ohio Interfaith Power and Light's mission is to empower a religious response to climate change and to promote energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. We focus on tangible results in religious communities - putting our faith into action.

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A Religious Response to Climate Change

**Our Faith
Our Planet
Our Responsibility**

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Contributions

OhIPL is an Ohio non-profit corporation with 501(c)3 status through our fiscal sponsor, the Ohio Council of Churches. To make a tax-deductible donation, please make checks payable to "Ohio Interfaith Power and Light" and mail to:

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Our Faith, Our Planet, Our Responsibility

Climate change has reached a crisis of severe environmental, social and moral consequences. Scientists have concluded that the severe effects of global warming are primarily due to human activity—the burning of fossil fuels, destruction of forests, and release of heat-trapping gases, especially carbon dioxide.

Climate change is also a social justice concern. It is unjust that the United States, with 4% of the world's population, emits 25% of the world's carbon dioxide. The poorest will be the most affected by the climate-induced heat waves, floods, famine, and drought.

Every major faith tradition calls us to accept our responsibility to care for Creation. We all must share in the protection of Earth for our children and future generations.

Climate Change and Ohio

We have the opportunity to prevent the most devastating effects of climate change if we act today. OhIPL is mobilizing Ohio's religious communities to have a visible, actively engaged role in addressing this serious issue. OhIPL invites all congregations to make a commitment to address climate change by becoming a member and signing the Congregational Covenant included in this brochure. You will be joining with OhIPL and religious communities of many faith traditions in Ohio and across the nation, who are united in their desire to address climate change through faithful congregational environmental stewardship.

Join OhIPL

As a member, OhIPL will assist you in implementing whatever option(s) you choose on the Congregational Covenant.

Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

- Statewide program to provide low-cost energy audits to congregations and their members.
- Gas Rate Savings Program.
- Free membership in the EPA Energy Star for Congregations program which provides a 'do-it-yourself' guide to energy audits.
- Information about utility and local energy efficiency programs and rebates.
- Referrals to renewable and energy efficiency companies.
- Discounted prices at **www.ShopIPL.org!**

Education

- Cool Congregations carbon calculator software .
- Archive of creation care sermons by Ohio preachers.
- Monthly e-newsletter.
- Materials about scientific and faith perspectives on global warming.
- Regional events, trainings and working groups.
- Clergy Speaker's Bureau - "rent" a speaker!
- Videos and study guides describing climate change moral obligation issues.

OhIPL Congregational Covenant

We pledge to support the mission of Ohio Interfaith Power and Light and to do **one or more** of the following:

- Educate our congregants about climate change.
- Do an energy audit to identify possible energy improvements; prioritize for implementation.
- Purchase 'green energy' from utilities and explore installation of renewable energy in an appropriate form.
- Analyze, reduce and offset greenhouse gas emissions and support public policies that contribute to our goals.

Congregation Name: _____

Denomination: _____ # of members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____ fax: _____

Referred by: _____

Clergy contact: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Covenant contact: _____ Clergy? Y ___ N ___

Contact address: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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