

OHIO INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT 2014 ANNUAL REPORT



Our mission is to offer a religious response to climate change by promoting energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy.

Highlights

Energy Stewardship

To date, Ohio Interfaith Power and Light (OhIPL) is working closely with twenty-five houses of worship to reduce their energy use through energy audits and energy efficiency activities. Twenty-nine houses of worship are part of our Energy Stewards online energy use tracking program, and new Green Teams are being formed in many congregations.

Working with The Ohio State University School of Environment and Natural Resources, nine student interns were assigned to seven houses of worship to help each congregation develop their sustainability efforts.

Education and Outreach

Teach-In on Climate Change: In January, Dr. Ellen Mosley-Thompson, at the OSU Byrd Polar Research Center, provided a presentation that was broadcast to sites in Dayton, Cincinnati, and Cleveland.

National Preach-In on Global Warming: Over thirty places of worship participated in the Preach In when faith leaders spoke about the moral imperative to address climate change.

Earth Stewards Directory: Our new online directory of earthkeeping resources shares congregational success stories.

Public Policy Engagement

Persons of faith mobilized to provide a strong moral voice with activities that included support of EPA's carbon pollution standards, speaking out about Ohio's Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy Standards, writing Letters to the Editor, and contacting legislators about the need for climate action.



2014 Earthkeeping Summit, October 12 & 13

To be FAITHFUL

The Earthkeeping Summit 2014 was two amazing days of earthkeeping activities, workshops, congregational sharing, and keynote speakers including Dr. Katharine Hayhoe and Dr. David Orr and Rev. Daniel Orr.

STEWARDS

Save creation, reduce energy, and save money through OhIPL's Energy Stewardship program. First Presbyterian Church of Athens won the national 2013 EPA *Battle of the Buildings* (houses of worship category) contest. With assistance from OhIPL's Energy Audits and rebates from utilities, the congregation was able to reduce their energy use by 30%. More and more Ohio houses of worship are becoming models of stewardship.



Reduced Energy Use by 30%!

of GOD'S

In March, OhIPL hosted the first ever **State of the Climate** event at the Ohio Statehouse. Dr. Lonnie Thompson presented the latest climate science and former U.S. Congressman Bob Inglis spoke about being a conservative lawmaker while addressing the climate crisis.



The State of the Climate

CREATION

"The care of the Earth is our most ancient and most worthy, and after all our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it and to foster its renewal is our only hope."-Wendell Berry



Ohio Interfaith Power and Light supports Houses of Worship in their sustainability efforts. At the Earthkeeping Summit 2014, members of congregations shared their success stories. **Visit our website at www.ohipl.org for more information.**

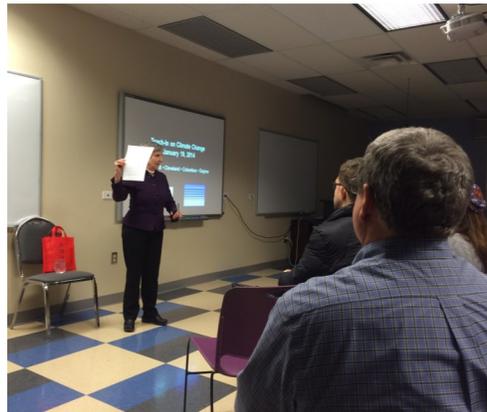


HELP OHIPL GROW!

- Tell a friend about the mission of OhIPL
- Pray for us
- Increase your giving to OhIPL



Opportunities for persons of faith to ACT ON CLIMATE

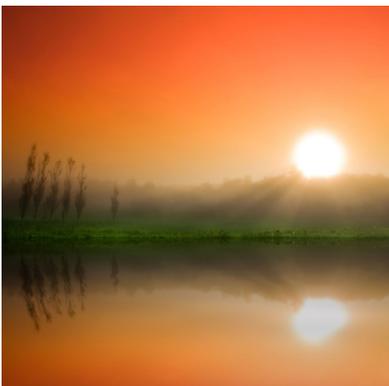


Dr. Ellen Mosley-Thompson presents up to date scientific information.



Student interns work with congregations to develop sustainability activities.

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