

## **The Reverend Canon Sally Grover Bingham**

The Reverend Canon Sally Grover Bingham, an Episcopal priest and Canon for the Environment in the Diocese of California, has been active in the environmental community over 30 years. She is founder and president of the The Regeneration Project, which is focused on its Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) campaign, a religious response to climate change. The IPL campaign includes a national network of more than 18,000 congregations with affiliated programs in 40 states.

The Rev. Bingham has brought widespread recognition to the link between faith and the environment, and as one of the first faith leaders to fully recognize global warming as a moral issue, she has mobilized thousands of religious people to put their faith into action through energy stewardship and advocacy. The Rev. Bingham serves on the national board of the Environmental Defense Fund and the advisory board of the Union of Concerned Scientists and Climate One.

The Interfaith Power & Light campaign and the Rev. Bingham have received numerous awards including the 2007 U.S. EPA Climate Protection Award, the Purpose Prize, the Energy Globe Award, and the commendation as a “sacred gift to the planet” by the World Wildlife Fund. In 2012, she received the Rachel Carson Award from the Audubon Society, the nation’s premiere award for women environmental leaders and the Life Time Achievement Award from the Festival of Faiths. In 2014, she received the Bishop of California Green Cross Award.

Many national media outlets including *The New York Times*, *Oprah* magazine and *Scientific American* have published stories about Rev. Bingham and IPL’s work. The Rev. Bingham was named one of the top fifteen green religious leaders by *Grist* magazine, has been recognized as a Climate Hero by *Yes! Magazine*, was featured as one of the leaders of the new green revolution in *Rolling Stone* and was named as one of the 50 most powerful women religious leaders by the *Huffington Post*.

The Rev. Bingham has received honorary Doctorates of Divinity from the University of the South, the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, and the College of the Holy Cross. She is the lead author of *Love God Heal Earth*, a collection of 21 essays on environmental stewardship by religious leaders, published by St. Lynn’s Press.