The Regeneration Project
Interfaith Power & Light Campaign
Founder’s Message

The word is out and you can (almost) hear it from the mountain tops: “Climate change is a moral issue.” With every passing year the global climate warms and species go extinct. For people of faith this is NOT the human purpose. We are one human family with one shared purpose, one shared earth, one shared atmosphere, and one shared global climate. As our IPL campaign spreads this message around the world, we are creating a common hope that we CAN reduce carbon emissions, slow down and eventually reverse the warming trend. With this common cause and shared responsibility to care for and love one another (both human and non-human), we are changing hearts, minds and attitudes towards the climate change crisis. People in faith communities have come to understand that the decisions we make today regarding energy use will decide whether we want to maintain God’s creation as it was intended or risk remaking earth in our own way. Fortunately most people understand that we have a moral responsibility to protect God’s creation.

The Regeneration Project and its Interfaith Power & Light campaign are making great strides in having congregations all over the country serve as examples to their communities. The deeply spiritual impression that this work leaves in the hearts of people has enabled us to once again report tremendous growth. None of it would be possible without your support and friendship. Thank you for helping us spread the moral message about climate protection.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Canon Sally G. Bingham
President and Founder

In The News

Religious Groups Active in Climate Debate

A Morally Acceptable Solution to Climate Change

Initiative Helps Congregations Believe in Renewable Power and Energy Conservation

Faith a Driving Force for Utahns in Fight for Clean Air

Called to Combat Global Warming?

God’s GreenEarth
2009 was an exciting year for Interfaith Power & Light. Our nation made historic progress with the passage of comprehensive climate legislation in the House of Representatives. It was the first time either House of Congress approved limits on carbon pollution. The religious community played a major role in making that happen, and Interfaith Power & Light was one of the lead groups. Now, we are mobilizing congregations and faith leaders all over the country to urge the Senate to act.

While policy change is crucial, IPL's guiding principle has always been that the faith community must model the kinds of change we want to see implemented across society. In 2009, more and more congregations stepped up to the plate to do just that, adding solar panels to their rooftops, retrofitting their facilities, and preaching and teaching about our faith mandate to care for the Earth. Our congregations are literally keeping thousands of tons of CO₂ out of the atmosphere through actions in their own facilities.

To further congregational action, we launched a new program in 2009 called Carbon Covenant, which allows our congregations to connect with faith communities in the developing world that are on the front lines of global warming. By supporting four faith communities in Cambodia, Ghana, Cameroon, and Tanzania in their efforts to fight deforestation and build sustainable communities, IPL members are putting their faith into action on behalf of some of the most vulnerable people in the world who are suffering the impacts of climate change.

Finally, we are pleased to report that in 2009 The Regeneration Project continued a positive growth trajectory. Our work was bolstered by a 16% increase in our budget, allowing us to fund new programs and to bring three new state affiliates on board: Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Arizona. We are grateful to our donors who continue to believe in the power of the faith community to address the greatest moral challenge of our time – global warming – and to regenerate our society’s relationship with the Earth.

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Forum on Religion and Ecology
IPL Annual Conference in Washington, DC

In 2009, IPL leaders representing 29 states gathered in Washington, DC for our national conference. At this annual event, state affiliates shared successes and challenges and honed their skills in everything from advocacy to media outreach and fundraising. Our keynote panel showcased Rev. Richard Cizik (pictured left) and Rabbi Fred Dobb in conversation. The conference culminated with a lobby day of visits to over 100 senators and congressional representatives, highlighting the faith community call for effective and equitable climate legislation.

Kansas IPL’s Energy Stewardship Days

Kansas IPL organized several energy stewardship days for religious leaders to consider how, as people of faith, our energy use relates to our call to care for creation and to love our neighbors. The days included a tour of a Kansas wind project, discussion about the theological and moral reasons for energy stewardship, information on renewable energy and simple energy efficiency tips for the faith leaders to implement in their congregations’ buildings.

North Carolina IPL’s Mountain Top Removal Tours

Mountaintop removal (MTR) coal mining is an extremely destructive form of strip mining found throughout Appalachia. Over 60% of the electricity used to power North Carolina homes and businesses is generated by coal. MTR tears apart communities, pollutes the air and water, and destroys our natural heritage—all the while aggravating and perpetuating the climate crisis. North Carolina IPL led religious leaders to bear witness to this devastating practice firsthand. They developed action plans aimed at calling for an end to MTR mining and committing to a new energy paradigm that includes energy conservation, efficiency, and investment in renewable energy.

The Year In Pictures

Kansas IPL’s Energy Stewardship Days

North Carolina IPL’s Mountain Top Removal Tours

IPL Annual Conference in Washington, DC
Arizona IPL’s Launch

In October, IPL welcomed Arizona to our network of state affiliates. Their launch began in Phoenix with a biodiesel trolley tour of green congregations and continued with an interfaith worship service featuring prayers from Native American, Hindu, Islam and Christian traditions. The celebration concluded with dinner and a musical performance. As the state with the largest solar energy potential in the nation, Arizona is poised to lead in solar and Arizona IPL is encouraging its congregations to show the way!

Iowa IPL’s National Day of Service

Iowa IPL joined with allies to honor the spirit of Martin Luther King by helping to weatherize 17 low-income homes in the Des Moines area. Thirty volunteers were on hand to take simple steps, such as caulking windows, adding weather stripping, and replacing incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents to improve the energy efficiency of houses. The project will save homeowners hundreds of dollars on their utility bills while saving energy and curbing emissions.

IPL Honored By UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and HRH Prince Philip

IPL was one of 31 religious institutions honored by the Alliance of Religions and Conservation at an event at Windsor Castle to recognize faith community leadership on addressing climate change. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon presented the awards, stressing the important role he saw for the faith community. He said, “without full support and cooperation of religious leaders it will be very difficult to obtain...a binding agreement in Copenhagen,” and promised to deliver the “message of the faiths” to the world leaders who would gather in Copenhagen for the climate summit.

IPL at the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen

Sister Joan Brown of New Mexico IPL represented IPL at the UN Climate Change Conference Copenhagen. She was one of many religious leaders who traveled to Denmark to add the voice of religion to the dialogue and express the faith community’s belief that climate change is the greatest moral issue of our time. Ultimately, the U.S. joined with China, Brazil, India, and other major emitters to put the initial steps in place for an international accord to stabilize the climate.
Core Programs

**Advocacy**

In order to build a clean energy future, we need legislation at local, state, national and international levels of government. Interfaith Power & Light engages at all of those levels to ensure that our shared values of caring for creation are reflected in public policies. Though incomplete, progress was made in 2009: from the “Copenhagen Accord” reached by world leaders in December, to a national cap on carbon passed by the House of Representatives, to state level victories in stopping new coal-fired power plants, and local clean power initiatives. By giving voice to the faith community in the public arena, IPL is shaping more just, equitable, and effective climate policies. Mary Walker and The Rev. Paul Klitzke of Alaska IPL are pictured.

**Cool Congregations**

Cool Congregations is our hands-on program to help both congregants and congregations measure and then reduce their carbon footprints.

The program includes a curriculum and a traveling trainer, who visits states to conduct trainings with congregations. Footprints can also be measured online, via [CoolCongregations.com](http://CoolCongregations.com), an online carbon calculator specially tailored to faith communities. Below, congregants calculate their carbon footprints at a workshop in Kansas.

**Carbon Covenant**

Carbon Covenant is a new initiative launched in 2009 that links faith communities in the Global North and South in a common commitment to curb global warming and help mitigate its impact on vulnerable people. Through Carbon Covenant relationships, Interfaith Power & Light congregations are supporting faith communities on the front lines of climate change impacts. Visit [www.co2covenant.org](http://www.co2covenant.org) to read about the inspiring work faith communities in Ghana, Cambodia, Cameroon and Tanzania are doing to regenerate their communities while curbing global warming. Above, Buddhist Monks patrol the Monks’ Community Forest in Cambodia to prevent illegal logging.

**Shop IPL**

Shop IPL is our online store specializing in energy-saving products. The site offers a variety of discounted products including Energy Star-rated lighting and appliances.

[ShopIPL.org](http://ShopIPL.org) is available to congregations and individuals nationwide. A portion of the proceeds from each purchase goes back to support IPL. Pictured at right is an energy efficient washing machine, one example of the many products available.
The Regeneration Project gratefully acknowledges gifts and grants received in 2009.

Foundations

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Bob Fossgreen
Ray Frackelton
Paula and John Gambs

2009 Statement of Activities - Year Ending December 31

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Cumulative net assets at the end of 2009 were $1,270,190. Of this $521,770 is allocated for regrants to state IPLs in 2010.

Faith Communities
(Gifts of $100 and above)

Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grimm
Ellen Tucker
Rolande and Jim Vaughan
Sandy and John Wilson
Kathy and Robert Windsor
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St. Bonaventure Church, Concord, CA
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