

Interfaith Power & Light Commits to Billion Acts of Green for Earth Day

Partners with Earth Day Network for global carbon reduction

To mark the 45th anniversary of Earth Day, Interfaith Power & Light (IPL) is announcing its 100,000 ton carbon reduction commitment in support of Earth Day Network's Billion Acts of Green Campaign®. Since 2010, Earth Day Network (EDN) has steadily inspired and aggregated acts that reduce carbon emissions by individuals, organizations, businesses and governments to protect the planet. Over one billion acts have been registered. EDN aims to reach two billion acts of green for the upcoming UNFCCC Conference (COP 21) in Paris as evidence that people all over the world are united in calling for a binding global climate agreement. www.earthday.org/takeaction

Interfaith Power & Light is calling on congregations and individuals across the US to commit to reducing their carbon pollution 50 percent by 2030 and going carbon neutral by 2050. To date, over 65 congregations and 1100 individuals representing different faith traditions have made this commitment, allowing IPL to commit to 100,000 tons of reduced carbon output in time for the Paris climate talks in December. The reduction of each ton of carbon will count as an act of green.

IPL is also joins EDN's Green Cities campaign (www.earthday.org/greencities) to call on cities to run on 100 percent renewable energy by 2050. To facilitate this campaign IFPL affiliates will host town hall forums bringing together faith and government leaders to discuss climate change. The voices of religious and faith-based communities are especially important in the climate change dialogue.

<http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/2014/10/take-the-paris-pledge/>

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ABOUT INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT: IPL, a campaign of The Regeneration Project, is a religious response to climate change with 18,000 congregations and programs in 40 states. This is the largest faith based organization in the country preaching and teaching that climate change is a moral issue. IPL congregations reduce their energy use in multiple ways and serve as examples to the community. When clergy preach from the pulpit about ecological stewardship, it has more of an impact than a scientist or a politician. The people who say they love God and each other have a particular responsibility to be leaders in protecting the earth. The IPL Paris Pledge will commit people of faith to make even further CO2 reductions that the US government. The faith community is showing that it can be done.

ABOUT EARTH DAY NETWORK:

The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. Growing out of the first Earth Day, Earth Day Network (EDN) works year-round with tens of thousands of partners in 192 countries to broaden, diversify and mobilize the environmental movement. More than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world. For more information, visit www.earthday.org