Statement by The Rev. Sally Bingham on the U.S. making its $500 million contribution to the Green Climate Fund
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Interfaith Power & Light was pleased that today the U.S. met its FY2016 commitment to help developing nations adapt to climate change and to transition their economies away from fossil fuels with a $500 million contribution to the Green Climate Fund.

This investment in mitigation and adaptation is not only a moral obligation for the U.S., but also a sound investment in alleviating poverty and ensuring global food security now and in the future. Climate change presents a threat to all of Creation, but most particularly to vulnerable populations living in poverty around the globe. As people of faith, we have a responsibility to consider the needs of others and answer God's call to care for the least among us.

Those without the means to adapt to climate disruption or the ability to recover from devastating impacts like drought, flooding, and severe storms will require aid when disasters occur. These problems will only be exacerbated if we do not support climate resilience efforts now. The Green Climate Fund gives the U.S. a vehicle to do our share.

We are pleased that the Obama administration was able to continue the United States' bipartisan tradition of support for climate resilience and renewable energy technologies in developing nations. This is an important first installment of our $3 billion pledge and shows the rest of the world that the U.S. is keeping our word and doing our part.

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