



# Interfaith Power & Light

A Religious Response to Global Warming

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Dear President Trump,

Faith communities across the nation are speaking up to say that we want the U.S. to stay in the Paris Agreement. We believe that the Paris Agreement is vital to protecting Creation and vulnerable communities around the world. Interfaith Power & Light is submitting a petition to you with almost 6000 names to show that people of faith are doing their part to combat climate change and ask that our government do its part.

Interfaith Power & Light has over 20,000 member congregations and affiliates in 40 states. The mission is to be faithful stewards of Creation by responding to global warming through the promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. This campaign intends to protect the earth's ecosystems, safeguard the health of all Creation, and ensure sufficient, sustainable energy for all.

Climate change is one of the biggest threats facing humanity today. The very existence of life – life that religious people are called to protect – is threatened by our continued dependency on fossil fuels for energy. Every major religion has a mandate to care for Creation. On this we can agree, we were given natural resources to sustain us, but we were also given the responsibility to act as good stewards and preserve life for future generations.

Our mission includes being advocates for vulnerable people and communities that are the most heavily impacted by climate change. From air pollution to droughts to rising seas, it is poor people who are being hit first and worst by climate change. Our goal is to protect those whose health and survival is at stake. We also aim to make sure that all people can participate in and benefit from the growing clean energy economy.

We urge you to stay in the Paris Agreement that 196 nations have agreed to also. The religious community here in the U.S. believes that the Paris agreement is one clear way of answering god's call to be the stewards of creation. We have a moral responsibility to create a more resilient world for our children and grandchildren.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Canon Sally G. Bingham  
President, Interfaith Power & Light



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**Dear President Trump and Ms. Ivanka Trump,**

My household/my faith community will continue to work to protect creation regardless of what the U.S. federal government does. We are still committed to fighting global warming, we are keeping the faith, and we're still in!

*Global warming is a moral issue we are compelled to address. We will continue to reduce our carbon emissions to ensure that the U.S. collectively can meet or exceed the Paris agreement goals.*

Starting in 2015, thousands of faith communities and individuals across the United States have taken the Paris Pledge (<http://www.parispledge.org/>), *committing to cut emissions in half by 2030 and be 100% renewable energy powered or carbon neutral by 2050.*

Together, we are greening our houses of worship and making them more energy efficient. We are saving energy at home and installing solar panels on our rooftops. We are creating more sustainable grounds and gardens. And we're reaching out to inspire, engage, and educate the communities we live in.

*Our faith compels us to protect Creation, love our neighbor, and create a better world for our children. We will do all we can in our homes, our houses of worship, and our communities to meet the goals of the Paris agreement. And then we'll help our neighbors do the same.*

**Sincerely,**

( see below for signatures)