Interfaith Power & Light mobilizes a faith-based response to global warming.

The mission of Interfaith Power & Light is to be faithful stewards of Creation by responding to global warming through the promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy.

Since the year 2000, IPL has built a powerful grassroots network of people of faith, to drive smarter energy policymaking and helped thousands of congregations address global warming by modeling energy stewardship in their own facilities. We have a track record of tangible results: shrinking carbon footprints and educating millions of people of faith about the important role they have to play in this challenging issue.

Today, IPL has a national network of 40 IPL-branded state affiliates and supporters in all 50 states reaching 20,000 faith communities. United in our mission to build a religious response to global warming, we have a diverse array of issues and programs, from fighting to retire dirty coal power plants in the Midwest and Southeast, to passing precedent-setting renewable energy targets on the West Coast.

This model allows IPL to leverage its resources to have an impact at both the national and the state levels.

Why this Matters
2016 was the hottest year on record and the threat is global and urgent! Climate change threatens our agriculture, health, water supply, infrastructure and more.
The year of 2016 will go down in IPL history as one of shock and awe. We had an outstanding year of progress to report. It included the success of Faith Climate Action week with an unprecedented number of people participating. It was the first year that we extended the time from a weekend to a full week leading up to Earth Day. Creation care is becoming a priority issue for many of our congregations. That is the “awe” part. It has become increasingly urgent for the faith community to engage in protecting the climate and they are doing just that.

However, we witnessed the hottest year on record, more fires/droughts, severe flooding, crop disruption and food shortages around the globe. Interfaith Power & Light has nonetheless become influential and is serving a great need to society. The voice of religious leaders is more important now than ever before. The end of the year political news was suffocating to many of us. Now the shock: Our years of hard work protecting ourselves and future generations from the health threats due to a warming climate are severely undermined by the new administration. It has given us a regenerated incentive to work even harder moving into 2017. We will never give up, never. Where we have been and where we are going is all up to our supporters and friends. With support from people and organizations like yours, God’s voice will find a way. We are grateful for every one of you and I cannot say Thank You too many times.

In faith,

Sally Bingham

The Rev. Canon Sally Bingham, President and Founder
Engaging the Faith Community in the 2016 Election

Leading up to the 2016 election IPL raised awareness of the vital role we have to play in voting our values – and our values include caring for Creation and the impacts of climate change on the most vulnerable. We did this in several ways.

• **50,000 VALUES VOTER GUIDES DISTRIBUTED:** IPL Partnered with Faith in Public Life to include a new section in their faith voter guide called: “Global Warming: A Threat to Creation and Our Children’s Future”. This was the first time that global warming was included in the guide and 50,000 copies were distributed to congregations in swing states across the country.

• **MORE THAN 5,000 IPL SUPPORTERS SIGNED A PETITION TO THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.** IPL created a vote your values petition to the major candidates and submitted it to let them know that people of faith would be voting with Creation in mind.

• **OVER 1,000 HOUSES OF WORSHIP SCREENED THE FILM BEFORE THE FLOOD.** IPL partnered with the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation and *National Geographic* to reach out to congregations across the country to screen the new film *Before the Flood*. The film screened at over 1000 houses of worship and sparked conversation about climate change. It mobilized congregations into action, both before the election and after. This film not only underscores the urgency of acting on climate, it shows that there is hope for our world and our future.

“I had the privilege to meet Pope Francis and was inspired by his powerful message that this is one of the greatest moral challenges of our generation. His words highlight the importance of faith leaders in galvanizing action on climate change. That’s why we have partnered with the Interfaith Power & Light community to distribute this film and build a bigger, stronger, movement to protect our planet.”

– Leonardo DiCaprio
IPL joined with faith and environmental groups working to garner bi-partisan support for the Green Climate Fund in Congress. A key aspect of addressing global warming is building the capacity of developing countries to limit their greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to the unavoidable impacts.

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) was conceived in 2010 to help poor and vulnerable countries address these challenges. The fund was an important component of the Paris Climate agreement signed in 2015, which aims to keep global warming “well below” 2 degrees Celsius and aspires to keep warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Religions are mandated to serve the poor, making the Green Climate Fund a priority for IPL.

In his FY17 budget, President Obama requested $750 million for the fund. To date, no less than 42 countries have pledged more than $10 billion to GCF. The $750 million request for the GCF represented a small but critical investment to maintain our country’s bipartisan commitment to global climate action.

The IPL network sent over 27,000 post cards to Washington supporting the fund and just days before President Obama left office, $500 million was transferred to the fund!
New Methane Emissions Standards—Regulating a Potent Greenhouse Gas

In 2016 EPA adopted its first-ever standards to limit industrial methane pollution. Every year the U.S. loses about $2 billion worth of natural gas, through leaks and intentional releases of methane, the main component of natural gas and a potent greenhouse gas.

This critical safeguard will protect vulnerable communities located near energy development by simultaneously cutting smog-forming and cancer-causing pollutants released from oil and gas operations as well as protect our climate from this potent greenhouse gas.

The methane rule is an important first step in cleaning up our country’s oil and gas infrastructure. IPL supporters told members of Congress that people of faith were calling on them to reduce industrial methane emissions. **In April 2016, 70 IPL leaders from across the U.S. visited their congressional representative’s office in Washington, D.C.** These faith leaders explained why stopping the outright waste of methane is important for the health of their communities and asked their elected representative to support these new methane emission standards.

In addition, the Bureau of Land Management finalized rules in late 2016 that will reduce natural gas waste and methane emissions on federal and tribal lands – saving taxpayers money and protecting public health. IPL and the faith community submitted comments and attended hearings in support of these rules.
Dakota Access Pipeline Denied!

Near the end of 2016, after months of peaceful protests by Standing Rock Sioux and supporters, the Army Corps of Engineers denied the permit for a critical piece of the Dakota Access Pipeline. The pipeline would have crossed under Lake Oahe in N. Dakota, where it would have threatened the water and sacred lands of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe. Approving a new pipeline, to carry the most dangerous and dirtiest form of oil, would have made the agreement in Paris more difficult for the U.S. to fulfill and would have undermined our progress in shifting to clean energy.

Minnesota IPL staff, clergy and more than 500 people of faith representing more than 20 faith traditions went to stand with the protesters at Standing Rock as they faced tear gas, rubber bullets, and water cannons. IPL supporters wrote letters, signed petitions, held vigils and expressed solidarity. MN IPL Affiliate Executive Director Julia Nerbonne traveled to Washington DC to personally deliver a petition signed by 25,000 people of faith urging President Obama to deny the permit. While the struggle was not easy, it raised national awareness of environmental injustice and the exploitation of Native Peoples and lands.

This was a victory for the Standing Rock Sioux, for Native Peoples, and for the climate movement. We have shown that dirty energy has a very real human health cost, and that we can mobilize and work together to stop it. While this development was certainly cause for celebration, the victory will not last without an ongoing, even stronger grassroots movement in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux and the water protectors.

“As people of faith, we understand that this is about the sacred water, our climate, and the human rights of Indigenous People. We must stand with the people of Standing Rock, whose resistance is rooted deeply in prayer and nonviolence.”

–Julia Nerbonne, Executive Director MN IPL
In 2016, the annual Preach-In on Global Warming was re-branded to Faith Climate Action Week. IPL expanded the program from one day of preaching from the pulpit to a week-long event around Earth Day that included movie screenings, a coordinated national prayer, advocacy opportunities and climate education. Faith Climate Action Week provided resources, action kits and support to clergy and lay leaders. 300 screenings and group discussions of the film Racing Extinction took place as part of with Faith Climate Action Week and 1700 congregations participated.

The 8th year of this program inspired faith leaders across the country to discuss climate change and engage in conversations on how their congregation can take action. This year’s theme of Beyond Paris explored how faith communities are leading in the sustainability movement and are making a difference in their house of worship, to help the United States meet its pledge to the United Nations Climate Conference in Paris.
Cool Congregations: Faith in Action!

Congregations across the country are making changes in their places of worship to address climate change through IPL’s Cool Congregations program. In 2016, 53 congregations entered their projects into the Cool Congregations Challenge. IPL celebrated 5 winning congregations that are leaders in their community and have taken action to create more sustainable systems in their houses of worship and inspired those around them. This year these 53 congregations prevented 3 million pounds of greenhouse gasses from entering the atmosphere. This is the equivalent of 3,245,942 less miles driven or 1,282 acres of forest being protected.

Every year the Cool Congregations Challenge celebrates the hard work being done by congregations across the county that are addressing global warming by reducing their carbon footprint and by becoming inspirations to their members and communities. The Cool Congregations Challenge shows that people of faith are united by concerns about climate change and are taking action – with or without support of government policies. The winners provide strong practical role models for their communities, and their activities have a ripple effect with people in their own homes.

Winner Spotlight

RENEWABLE ROLE MODEL

Congregational Church in Cumberland, ME navigated a difficult regulatory environment along with creative financing to lower their carbon footprint and create momentum for community members and other local groups and governments to take their own climate reducing actions. The challenge was to make the old building more energy efficient and reduce their carbon footprint by installing solar panels within a limited budget.

A small group of church members formed an energy LLC to finance the fifty-seven 305W PV panels. This group provided the capital for the project, and in return received the tax credits and depreciation the church could not claim as a religious institution. In addition, the church agreed to buy the solar energy produced from the LLC until all the investment was paid back. Their installed PV system will generate 21,700 KwH per year, produce $3,000 in annual savings and decrease their carbon footprint by 15.5 metric tons CO2/year.

They also installed a 120-gallon water-heating system saving an additional 3 metric tons of CO2 per year and an electric charging station for cars that provides 2,400 KwH / year (1.7 metric tons CO2 / year of car exhaust avoided).

These projects along with LED lighting, high-efficiency gas boilers, modern, programmable thermostats, and solar powered parking lot lights will make a marked difference in their carbon footprint.
STATE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: CALIFORNIA

Green Jobs Summit in Oakland

Building an Economic Model that Advances Equality, While Saving the Planet

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The industries we need to solve global warming – renewable energy, energy efficiency, mass transit – are not only job creators – they are creating jobs that are difficult if not impossible to outsource (weatherizing your house, driving your bus, and installing solar on your rooftop are local jobs).

We have before us a unique opportunity to build a new economic model that revitalizes our economy and our communities, advances justice and equality, while saving the planet and creating jobs.

In Oakland, CA, IPL is working on just that. In fall of 2016 CA IPL organized a Green Jobs Summit. Over 80 community leaders, green business leaders, environmentalists, and government officials from the mayor to the state assemblymana gathered to create a shared vision for a sustainable, inclusive, and green economy. This was a unique, diverse and committed coalition – one where clergy, politicians, social justice advocates, venture capitalists and labor organizers sat down together to strategize solutions.

We heard from businesses that want to hire more local people, trainers who want to prepare the formerly unemployed and incarcerated to be solar installers; transit agency leaders who want to buy more clean buses and hire more drivers, policy makers who want to attract more green businesses, investors who want to invest in positive ventures, and clergy who want to help their constituents find the “on-ramps” to these new careers. The passion to heal our world and help our community was palpable.

A sustainable, inclusive, green economy means the industries we support must serve all people, they must increase prosperity, they must protect the planet, and they must support the values and community of our place: Oakland and the East Bay.

Can Oakland become the Silicon Valley of Green Tech? A land of innovation, but one whose companies are in service to the greater good - that lifts up local people and reduces inequality? We believe it can.

The news on climate change can be overwhelming, and it’s easy to fall into despair over a problem of such magnitude. But in fact, the very magnitude of the problem means that each one of us can and must play a part. It may turn out that, in order to address the biggest environmental crisis humans have ever faced, what we can all do is work in our communities to build economies with a quadruple bottom line: people, prosperity, planet and place. It’s already beginning in Oakland.

“We have a new energy age, like the industrial age, and if we are not part of it we will not survive as a people.”
– G.L. Hodge, Deacon Providence Baptist Church, SF and CIPL Board Member
2016 Financial Commentary

In 2016, IPL's total income was $1.43 million and total funds available for operations reached $2.44 million. Our 2016 total operating budget was $1.57 million. Of this, 82% of operating expenses went to support for state and national programming with $381,894 being granted out to state affiliates, partners and congregations, $277,086 supported the California Interfaith Power & Light program and $625,697 funded national programs and campaigns. Individual and congregational donations provided 28% of total funds raised. We are grateful to all of our donors for their generosity, which made this work possible.

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To learn more please contact Sarah Berg at 415-561-4891.

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