Message from our President and Board Chair

Dear Friends of Interfaith Power & Light,

You are part of the community of supporters of the leading and largest environmental interfaith organization in the United States. With this annual report, we celebrate you and all of the inspiring work happening around the country because of your support!

IPL has affiliates in 40 states, reaching more than 22,000 faith communities, and working side by side with thousands of faith leaders of all spiritual traditions. By collaborating with these state affiliates in community action and policy advocacy, we are able to spread the message that climate and environmental justice are moral issues that must be solved by centering the voices of those who have historically been marginalized.

We believe that enacting true change involves both personal and societal transformation. In this report you will find information about congregations that have pledged to reduce their climate pollution through energy efficiency, installing solar, and becoming resiliency centers for their communities. These congregations understand their actions as a natural outgrowth of their faith and their calling to care for those who are vulnerable in our world, and our Sacred Earth. This work is made possible by your generous support.

We know that personal action is not enough. We need to enact policies that will limit global warming to no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius if we are to pass on a world where future generations can thrive. That is why IPL supporters have been supporting legislation, such as the Build Back Better Act, and regulatory measures, such as safeguards on methane pollution and fuel efficiency standards. You’ll see more about the thousands of actions taken by IPL’s community of faithful advocates in this report. Your prayers, gifts, and actions make it possible to enact change for a better future for all.

We thank you for all you have done to stay involved and support solutions to the climate crisis. We know that there is much more to do. But people of faith and conscience are used to persevering through the long struggle for justice. By working together as a community and centering our values of faith and spirituality, justice, courage, hope, and love, we will win.

Blessings,

Rev. Susan Hendershot
President

Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley
Board Chair

Cover Photos: Top: Gesu students pose for a selfie with their award-winning solar panel installation. Gesu Catholic Church and School in Detroit won the 2021 Cool Congregations Renewable Role Model Award for their student-led collaborative effort to install solar on their building. Middle: Fr. Ian Delinger from San Luis Obispo with his electric vehicle. Bottom: Cool Congregations Challenge Winner, Cool Planner category, Kidane Mehret Eritrean Orthodox Tewahedo Church.
IPL Supporters Take Action in their Communities

- **900+** Faith Climate Action Week Sermons
- **1,250+** Solar Congregations Supported
- **54** Certified Cool Congregations
- **10,000+** Viewers of Film “Kiss The Ground”
- **3,000+** Advocacy Message Signers

IPL Supporters Take Action on Climate Advocacy

- **33,000+** Advocacy Messages
- **150+** Advocacy Captains
- **9,100+** Grassroots Action Takers
- **29** Meetings with Elected Officials
- **20** Speakers at Public Hearings
Leading national and state-based religious organizations delivered a 16” x 20” holiday card to Senator Joe Manchin’s office and arranged a meeting, asking for one gift: a return to good faith negotiations for the Build Back Better Act.

The long-negotiated bill in the Senate has the support of 49 Senate Democrats – awaiting only Senator Manchin’s approval for inclusion in the budget reconciliation package. Build Back Better includes unprecedented investments to address the climate crisis, including expanding clean energy, job creation, and funding to restore degraded lands and waters, including in coal mining lands. Through the advocacy of faith groups, pressure continues on legislators for Build Back Better or similar provisions to be supported. It is a vital step toward climate justice and a safer world for all of God’s children.

West Virginia IPL Challenges Senator Manchin

Faith leaders deliver an urgent holiday message to Senator Manchin: Support Build Back Better Act

Dear Senator Manchin,

The Advent season leading into Christmas and then the New Year is a time of reflection, waiting and anticipation, and then the arrival of new life and God’s love made manifest in the world. And this year, we have a special prayer for this holy season: for your action to protect God’s Creation.

As the days grow shorter, the nights longer, the days in the year shorter, we are keenly aware of the limited time we have to act to protect our precious gift, the gift of Creation and a safe planet for all of God’s children.

We beg you this Christmas season, Senator Manchin, to give Americans the world, and future generations the protection we need for our climate. By supporting the Build Back Better Act, you will bring hope and renewal into the lives of Americans — especially the lives of communities in West Virginia — through clean energy, healthier communities, and good jobs.

Warm wishes for a blessed holiday season for health and safety, and for peace on Earth.

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West Virginia IPL delivers oversized holiday card from faith groups to Charleston office of Senator Manchin (Manchin staffer, left). Their holiday message: Support the Build Back Better Act!

Carbon Covenant

The number one source of carbon emissions in the developing world is deforestation. Faith communities around the world are taking proactive steps to protect forests, prevent illegal logging, and lead reforestation efforts. U.S. faith communities become sister congregations and support these efforts, building interfaith and international solidarity and promoting justice.

The Faith Climate Justice Voter Campaign is a nonpartisan campaign led by IPL and including several faith and climate partners. FCJV is focused on engaging and mobilizing faith voters to communicate their values of caring for Creation and loving our neighbors through voting. In off election years, FCJV is still at work protecting the right to vote and equitable and fair access to voting.
IPL Congregations Reach Milestone: Zero Carbon

In 2021 IPL celebrated several congregations reaching net-zero carbon emissions! How did they do it? Here’s the story of one congregation, the Episcopal Church of St. Martin in Davis, California.

The Church of St. Martin began its zero-carbon journey in 2004 with a small solar array on the administrative building, then steadily made improvements over 16 years, from energy-efficient lighting to composting, to replacing its gas HVAC system with electric heat pumps. They also involved their congregants along the way. According to the pastor: “The people of St. Martin’s believe that climate change constitutes an existential threat to God’s creation and are committed to continuing to work toward reducing our environmental footprint to create a more just and sustainable world. Throughout this process, we have encouraged parishioners to look at their own habits around transportation, dietary choices, and other lifestyle decisions that can affect greenhouse gas emissions. We hope our pursuit of becoming a zero-carbon church can provide individuals, other congregations, and communities with an example of what can be done, one step at a time.”

Indeed, it does! Faith communities are strong moral role models for their communities, and their activities have a ripple effect. IPL highlighted our congregations’ success to encourage the Biden Administration to increase the ambition of our international climate commitments, and commit to cutting U.S. emissions by at least 50% by 2030. President Biden made that pledge in April 2021.

Faith Climate Action Week

Faith Climate Action Week is ten days in April during Earth Month when IPL activists and congregations focus on how we can all take action to protect our climate. Faith groups are encouraged to address the spiritual side of climate change at services and morally urge support from policymakers. IPL offers access to downloadable sermons, postcards, and other resources.

Cool Congregations

People of faith across the country are reducing greenhouse gas emissions in both their homes and places of worship through the Cool Congregations program. Participants save thousands of dollars and tons of carbon from entering the atmosphere. People of faith are building the future they are asking of the world.
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In 2021, IPL’s total income was $1.46 million and IPL’s total operating budget was $1.36 million. Of this, $1.07 million of operating expenses went to support for state and national programming with $181,500 being granted out to state affiliates, partners and congregations, $214,132 supported the California Interfaith Power & Light program and $673,172 funded national programs and campaigns. Individual and congregational donations provided 25% of total funds raised. We are grateful to all of our donors for their generosity. Your donations deliver faithful action for a just climate.

**Income**

- **Foundation and Government Grants**: $1,077,667 (73.6%)
- **Individual Contributions**: $359,938 (24.5%)
- **Revenue**: $27,812 (1.9%)
- **TOTAL INCOME**: $1,465,417 (100%)

**Expenses**

- **National Program**: $673,172 (49%)
- **Regrants to State IPLs**: $181,500 (13%)
- **California IPL**: $214,132 (16%)
- **Development**: $179,053 (13%)
- **Administration**: $117,367 (9%)
- **TOTAL EXPENSES**: $1,365,224 (100%)

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Since the year 2000, IPL has partnered with millions of people of faith and thousands of congregations to address climate change. Our mission is simple: **IPL inspires and mobilizes people of faith and conscience to take bold and just action on climate change.**

**Support IPL**

Your support, volunteerism, advocacy, donations, and planned gifts make the IPL mission possible. You can support any of our state affiliates by designating your gift for our re-grant program. Recurring donors help IPL ensure consistency of work and donations are both secure and convenient.

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