

A Religious Response to Global Warming

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The Regeneration Project's
Interfaith Power & Light Campaign

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

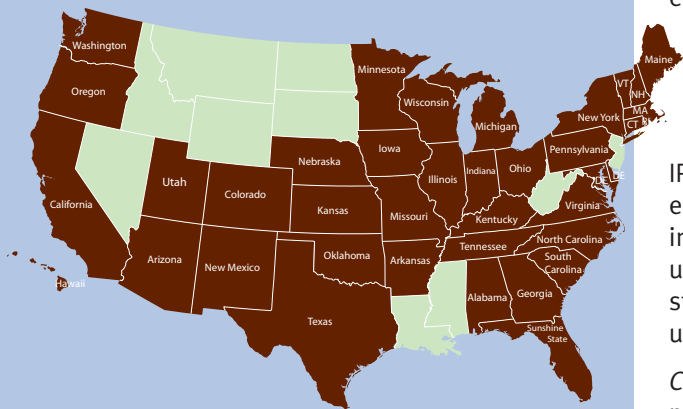


Who we are & what we do

Interfaith Power & Light is mobilizing a religious 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. This campaign intends to protect the earth's ecosystems, safeguard the health of all Creation, and ensure sufficient, sustainable energy for all.

Since the year 2000, IPL has helped thousands of congregations address global warming by being better stewards of energy. 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.



Since its founding, IPL has worked hard to build support around the country and now has IPL-branded affiliates in 40 states, supporters in all 50 states and 15,000 congregations in our network. While our state affiliates all have the same mission, each has the flexibility to develop programs and advocacy efforts specifically for their state or region.

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where is the hope?

If you are not paying careful attention you might think there has been no progress in the fight to protect the climate and the balance of nature that God provided. You might even wonder where my hope comes from.

So lets take a deeper look: When we started the Interfaith Power & Light Campaign in 2000, I went to Minnesota where 97% of the state energy source was coal. Today only 46% comes from coal, 14% comes from wind. There is hope. That is only an example of what has happened all over the country. California now gets 22.7% from renewable energy. Slow movement, but in the right direction and that is hopeful.

After our Preach-In on Global Warming in February our supporters sent 58,000 post cards to President Obama asking him to take bold action on climate change. Several months later, the President presented his Climate Action Plan. I was honored to be invited to represent IPL, and sit in the audience on a very hot June day at Georgetown University. It was such an inspiring event that I came home and made a commitment to double our efforts.

In the following months, Interfaith Power & Light worked successfully with others to advocate for the closure of old and polluting coal-burning power plants: the nation's largest source of carbon pollution.

IPL has helped hundreds of congregations all over America to become energy efficient and to go solar. More people are working in the solar industry now than in coal. Millions of people of faith are beginning to understand that human induced climate change is a moral issue. Our state affiliates and congregations have played a pivotal role in that understanding. This gives me hope that change is on the horizon.

Cool Harvest, Cool Congregations and *Carbon Covenant* are instrumental programs that encourage action and provide hope. These efforts are helping to reduce global warming pollution in the U.S. They will help clean our air and keep us healthier and safer. When I can count the successes and measure the positive results, I find hope. With your support and encouragement we can prevent the worst effects of climate change. Together we are making a difference. That's hopeful.

The Rev. Canon Sally G. Bingham, President & Founder

2013 Policy & Advocacy Highlights

Interfaith Power & Light and our 40 state affiliates had a busy year advocating for clean energy and climate protection while pushing back against dirty energy projects like the Keystone XL pipeline. IPL believes that our public policies should reflect our country's best values. From the first-ever national limits on carbon pollution, proposed by the EPA, to renewable energy standards in the states, to curbing dirty energy, we are making progress and moving our country in the right direction.

Historic Limits on Carbon Pollution from Power Plants



The EPA's new carbon standards were a top priority in 2013, and IPL's collective voice was an important factor in the EPA's landmark action to limit carbon pollution from new power plants. We generated more than 10,000 comments for the EPA and sent clergy and faith leaders to testify at climate-related EPA hearings to support the new rules.

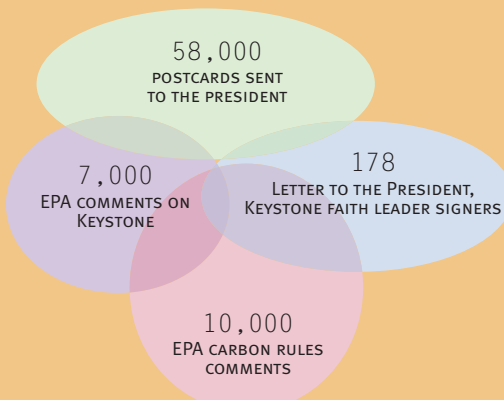
Joelle Novey, Executive Director Greater Washington IPL, and EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy

Expanding Renewable Energy

Twenty-nine states in the U.S. have renewable energy standards that require a certain percentage of electricity to come from renewable sources, like solar and wind. Or, as we like to think of it, energy from Heaven. These state laws have recently been a major driver of reduced emissions from the power sector. Perhaps that is why the fossil fuel industry finds them so threatening — and is spending big money to repeal or weaken them in a number of states. But so far, thanks to IPL and its partners in the environmental and clean energy community, they have been unsuccessful. Our IPL affiliates have mobilized in states such as Kansas, North Carolina, and Ohio to defend and protect their state policies. In a few states, like Michigan and Minnesota, IPL is working to expand and strengthen state renewable energy standards.

Fighting Dirty Energy

IPL and our affiliates worked hard this year to stop dirty energy projects: coal power and tar sands oil. We wrote a letter signed by over 175 religious leaders to President Obama, urging him to deny the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline. This pipeline would carry the dirtiest oil on the planet, mined from the tar sands of Canada, through the heartland and to the Gulf for export. It's an unconscionable risk to take with our natural resources and communities in its path. Our Nebraska IPL has been a key voice blocking this project so far. In Indiana, Illinois, and Connecticut, we worked to urge the retirement of old, out-dated, and heavily polluting coal power plants. These are plants that can come safely offline without grid disruption. The balance of peak power demand can be met by increased efficiency and new renewables. More work remains to be done, but we are confident we are building a consensus for the closure of these plants.



*"Safeguard Creation.
Because if we destroy Creation,
Creation will destroy us!
Never forget this!"*

Pope Francis

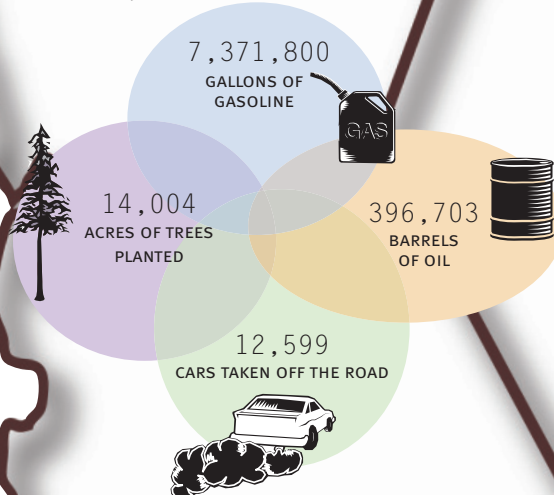


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State Affiliate Spotlight

Since 2000, CIPL congregations have prevented 144,487,285 pounds of CO₂ emissions.

That's equivalent to:



Whether retrofitting their facilities, installing solar on rooftops, or just being more conscious stewards of energy, CIPL members are keeping thousands of tons of carbon pollution out of the atmosphere. CIPL began sowing its seeds of energy stewardship 13 years ago when the organization was formed. Since then faith communities have become drivers of change, and the proof is in the numbers. CIPL congregations reap the benefits not only in negawatts, clean megawatts, and dollar savings, but also increased community engagement and spiritual renewal.

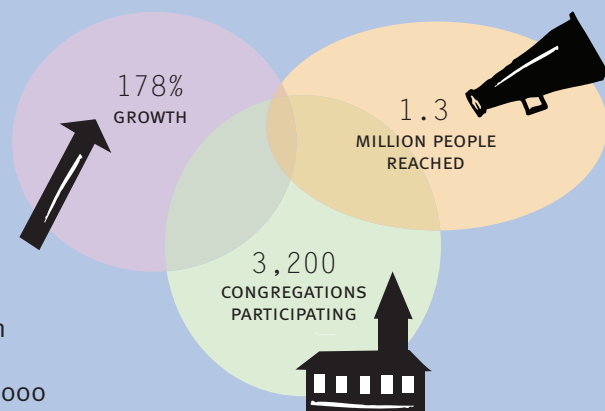
National Programs & Campaigns

Preach-In on Global Warming

The annual Preach-in on Global Warming is IPL's premier program for inspiring and supporting clergy and lay leadership to preach from the pulpit and educate their congregations about climate change. Scheduled for the weekend closest to Valentine's Day, it focuses on love for Creation and for our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable, who are hardest hit by the impacts of pollution and climate change. IPL provides sample sermons, films, prayers and bulletin inserts. In addition each year postcards are provided for congregants to send to the president or other elected officials urging them to support important climate legislation and to be leaders in protecting the climate.

In 2013, 1,113 congregations participated, reaching an estimated 445,000 people, and 58,000 Love Creation valentines were sent to the President urging him to act boldly to protect the climate.

Since the program began in 2010, the Preach-In has grown by 178% with 3200 congregations participating and reaching 1.3 million people nationally. Over 150,000 postcards have been delivered to the president and elected representatives.



"I appreciated the opportunity to be a part of a national initiative. It made us feel connected to something that could very possibly effect change."

Preach-In participant

Cool Harvest

IPL's Cool Harvest program is designed to educate our congregations about the food, faith, and climate connection. The program includes resources to inform congregation members about climate-friendly food choices and engage them in activities, such as planting an organic garden, that can improve the health of the community while reducing greenhouse gases.

It is estimated that about 20% of climate change pollution comes from the food industry. That's more than from all transportation sources combined. Historically, faith communities have fed those in need by organizing food pantries, soup kitchens, and other programs to

combat hunger. With Cool Harvest, Interfaith Power & Light builds on those successful programs to include consideration of the health of the planet. And as it turns out, what's healthy for the planet is also healthy for people and communities.

In 2013 we distributed 300 Cool Harvest Kits. Cumulatively, we have distributed 1020 kits, and of those, 800 congregations signed up for the Cool Potluck and Movie — a favorite activity and fun way to learn about the food, faith, and climate connection.



Cool Congregations Challenge

The Cool Congregations Challenge is our annual national contest to inspire friendly competition among houses of worship that are becoming energy efficient and sustainable role models within their communities. Top winners in each of five categories (Renewable Role Model, Energy Saver, Sacred Grounds Steward, Cool Planner and Community Inspiration) receive prizes of \$1,000, and runners up get \$250. In 2013 we recognized 37 Cool Congregations. Participation in the program has grown by 138% in the four years since the Challenge started, with over 300 entries to date.

Spotlight on Challenge Winner: All Peoples Lutheran Church

Sacred Grounds Steward Winner, Cool Congregations Challenge | Urban Greenhouse Project | Milwaukee, WI



The Urban Greenhouse Project at All Peoples Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, serves as a symbol of revitalization and sustainability. In a neighborhood where vandalism and theft are common, there is great respect for the greenhouse and garden projects and the community reaps the benefits from the harvest of food, education and employment.

The congregation creatively used space on the side of the church for a beautifully designed greenhouse and outdoor space which will provide year-round cultivation of herbs, food products, flowers and starter plants for the outdoor gardens. Water is harvested from the greenhouse roof and from rain barrels placed under downspouts on the church. A porous paver patio surrounding the greenhouse and adjacent rain garden catch surface water from the city sidewalks.

The project models sustainable green infrastructure and demonstrates the importance of restoring natural hydrology for urban agriculture. Native prairie plants and fruit trees were planted behind the greenhouse. A local architectural firm and other local businesses donated their services. Congregation members, community members and All Peoples Church partners provided all of the labor.

Carbon Covenant

Deforestation is responsible for 20% of global carbon dioxide emissions, and the major source of emissions for the developing world. It's also taking a grave toll on the local communities living in or near the forests. IPL's Carbon Covenant Program links faith communities in the Global North and South in a commitment to curb global warming and help mitigate its impact on vulnerable people. IPL supports faith community-led projects in four developing countries: Cameroon, Tanzania, Cambodia and Ghana.

In 2013, IPL raised \$7,500 for these projects which include stopping deforestation and preventing illegal logging, reforestation of degraded areas, introducing sustainable livelihoods and promoting awareness and education about the need to conserve forest resources. Since 2010, IPL has raised more than \$60,000. The funds have been used to plant 20,000 trees, and protect many more!

Please visit www.co2covenant.org to find out more.



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Our Supporters



“We are happy to support The Regeneration Project and the Interfaith Power & Light Campaign. They reach an important audience – the faith voice is crucial to the movement to address climate change.”

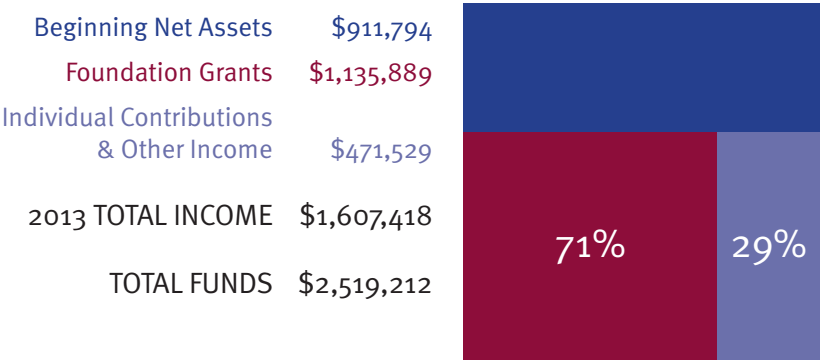
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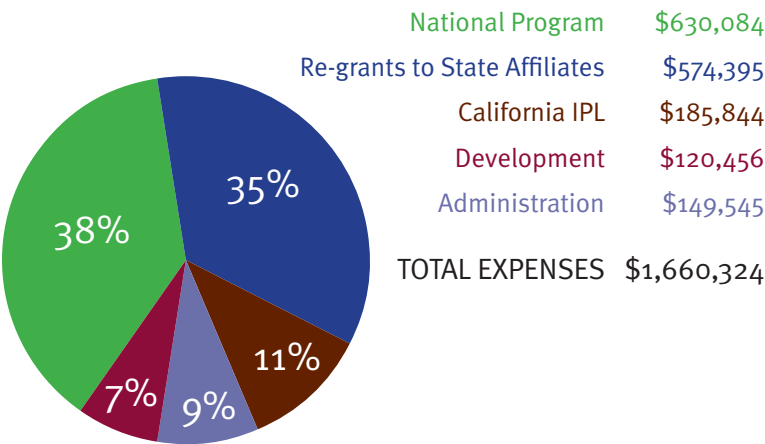
2013 Financial Commentary

In 2013, TRP’s total operating budget was \$1.6 million. These funds supported state and national programming, and about 16% covered development and administration. In total, \$574,395 was granted out to state affiliates, partners and congregations; another \$185,844 supported the California Interfaith Power & Light program, and \$630,084 funded national programs and campaigns. Individual and congregational donations provided 29% of total funds raised. We are grateful to all of our donors for their generosity, which made this work possible.

Income



Expenses



Cumulative net assets at the end of 2013 were \$858,888. Of this \$367,000 is allocated for re-grants to state affiliates in 2014.



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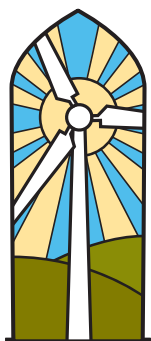
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IPL depends on our members and supporters to achieve our mission. There are many ways to help: volunteering, donating, making a gift of appreciated securities, or leaving a legacy gift. You can support our state affiliates by designating your gift for our regrant program, and our Carbon Covenant program by designating the project of your choice. Another great way to provide reliable support is by making a monthly donation that is automatic, secure, and convenient. To learn more please contact Suzanne Burrows at 415-561-4891.

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