

Our Faith, Our Planet Our Responsibility

Global warming has reached a crisis of severe environmental, social and moral consequences. Scientists have concluded that the severe effects of global warming are primarily due to human activity - the burning of fossil fuels, destruction of forests, and release of heat-trapping gases such as carbon dioxide.

Global warming is also a social justice concern. It is unjust that the United States, the world's richest nation, with 4% of the world's population, emits 25% of the world's global warming causing greenhouse gases. The poorest among us will be the ones most affected by the climate-induced heat waves, floods, famine and drought.

Every major faith tradition calls us to be good stewards of the environment and to accept our responsibility to care for Creation. We all can share in the protection of the earth for our children and future generations.

Join New York IPL

We have an opportunity to prevent the most devastating effects of climate change if we act today. NYIPL is mobilizing New York's religious communities to have a visible, actively engaged role in addressing this serious issue. NYIPL invites all congregations to make a commitment to address climate change by becoming a member and completing the Participation Agreement included in this brochure. You will be joining with NYIPL and religious communities of many faith traditions in New York and across the nation who are united in their desire to address global warming through faithful congregational environmental stewardship.

Benefits of Membership

NYIPL can assist you as you begin the process of becoming a more environmentally aware spiritual community. Each member increases the voice of the faith community, as it demands legislative action on global warming. Benefits to membership include:

Educational Resources

- Sample sermons and prayer services
- Small group discussion guides
- Our e-newsletter with information about events, issues, rebates and more
- Films and other materials about scientific and faith perspectives on global warming

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Resources

- Discounts on energy efficiency products like lighting and Sears appliances at our online store for congregations: www.ShopIPL.org
- Energy Audit Resources
- www.CoolCongregations.com online carbon calculator
- Information on local energy efficiency programs and rebates
- Periodic giveaways: early release films, CFLs

Public Policy Updates

- E-mail Updates about local, state and national climate change public policy issues
- Action alerts and sign-on letters for relevant policy issues inviting your participation - let your voice be heard!

NYIPL Participation Agreement

Our congregation wishes to participate with other religious congregations in the mission of New York Interfaith Power & Light (NYIPL): to promote faithful and just stewardship of God's Creation through energy conservation, energy efficiency, and the use of renewable energy.

We want to learn what other congregations have done to reduce their consumption of energy. We are willing to share what our congregation has already done and what we do in the future to reduce our use of energy. As the opportunity arises, we will encourage other congregations to join this voice of the religious community.

NYIPL will provide information about ways to save energy and reduce the pollution that results from energy use. We understand that NYIPL may contact us from time to time to see what additional assistance and encouragement can be provided.

Congregation/Faith Community Name: _____

Denomination: _____ # of members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

Contact: _____

Title (Mr. Ms. Rev., etc.) _____

Contact address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Role with Congregation (e.g., clergy, trustee, committee, etc.): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return by mail to: New York Interfaith Power & Light, 8328 Preserve Parkway, Manlius, NY 13104. Questions? 315-256-0078.



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What is New York Interfaith Power & Light?

We are part of a national network of congregations of all faiths concerned about global warming and power plant pollution on the peoples of the world today, on future generations, and on all of God's Creation.

Our mission is to support and encourage congregations of all faiths in their actions to reduce global warming and protect the sacredness of the earth for all generations.

Here are some ways your congregation can participate:

- Get an energy audit of your building(s) to identify energy waste and the potential financial savings of energy related improvements.
- Make energy efficiency improvements to your building(s).
- Encourage your congregants to make energy efficiency improvements to their homes.
- Purchase clean, "green," renewable energy for your buildings.
- Educate your congregants on energy production and use in relation to global warming and other environmental impacts.
- Support public policies that prevent power plant pollution and global warming.

Make a Tax-Deductible Contribution

NYIPL does not charge any fee to participating congregations, but donations help us continue our work and are gratefully accepted.

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