

Annual Report

2016



New York Interfaith Power & Light



A LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

There are no simple words to sum up all that has occurred in 2016. It was a year filled with both major progress and great uncertainty. I've been given hope by the gains we have made on the local, national, and even international level. After years of wrangling, over 175 nations signed the Paris Climate Agreement, which will keep global temperatures from rising above 2 degrees Celsius. Locally, New York has begun acting on our climate goals and made an enforceable commitment to secure 50% of our electric generation from renewable energy by 2030.



Yet I also ended the year with great concerns over the direction of our country and the impact that may have on the climate. There is great uncertainty over the Clean Power Plan, over America's continued participation in the Paris Agreement, and the future of federal energy policy. Despite that anxiety and the

challenges that we will face in 2017 – **we must and will continue making progress on climate.**

New York has a unique opportunity over the next few years. As progress on climate stalls on the federal level, we can continue to push the envelope and show that we can protect God's creation while also improving the lives of those least among us. While this work may not be easy, I pray not that God will give us the strength, the wisdom, and the stamina to succeed.

Onwards,

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Statement of Activities

REVENUE	Unrestricted	Restricted	2016
Contributions	24203	-	24203
Interest Income	0	-	
TOTAL REVENUE	24203	-	24203
EXPENSES			
Program Services	22505	-	22505
General Administration	1118	-	1118
Fundraising	1530	-	1530
TOTAL EXPENSES			25153
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS			(1004)
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR	3048	-	3048
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR			2044

Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS	2015
Cash and cash equivalents	2044
Fixed Assets	0
TOTAL ASSETS	2044
LIABILITIES	
Vendors	0
Capital costs	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS	2044
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2044



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Providing a greater voice and a greater reach for those who want to put their faith into actions.

[116 Houses of Worship across New York](#)

[8 more congregations joined us in 2016](#)

Every religious tradition has a different philosophy of organizing themselves from top-down authority to loosely affiliated entities. Some traditions define initiatives from the regional or national leaders while others prefer that individual communities use their own authority. NYIPL creates a platform where different traditions can organize together.

[12 Faiths/denominations across New York](#)

[2 more faiths joined us in 2016](#)

In our Green Up initiative, which is physical changes in buildings and behaviors, our first step is teaching efficiency. We teach theologies of energy use, often called creation care, we provide consultations to Boards of Directors (Council of Elders, et. al.) on fiduciary responsibility, and we provide expert advice and tested processes for greening committees.

[2 Efficiency seminars to multiple houses \(White Plains and Buffalo\)](#)

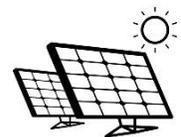
[6 in-depth Energy consultations with houses of worship](#)

[12 Preliminary consultations on efficiency first](#)



Solar installation is ramping up as a viable revenue stream in the energy sector, employing six times as many people as natural gas and coal combined. Leasing plans are common. However, New York State has ceased to provide incentives for installation and has stopped free energy audits for houses of worship, tapering off in 2015 and defunding in 2016.

[2 Preliminary consultations on solar installation](#)



Speak Up, our advocacy program, organizes and lobbies at the state and federal levels.

4 lobby visits on Capitol Hill

1 new Republican sponsor from New York delegation (Lee Zeldin NY-01) for HR424, often called the Gibson Resolution which states that climate change is real and climate change is manmade.

4 Republican sponsors from New York delegation on the Gibson Resolution

1 National March – March for Climate Change at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia (NYIPL sat on Interfaith Cohort Planning Committee)

20 Lobby Visits in NY State Assembly and Senate

3 Letters to the Editor published.

4 Town Hall meetings

7 Pipeline and fuel train protests



New York Renews Coalition: Organizing Committee and Engagement Committee (over 100 member organizations of the coalition dedicated to passing The Climate and Community Protection Act 2017)

Primary educators and seminar leaders of “How to Lobby” for 501(c)3’s and religious organizations

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