

OHIO INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT (OHIO IPL) MISSION STATEMENT

We seek to unite the voices of people of diverse beliefs throughout Ohio in a spiritually-inspired and active response to climate change. Concerned about the interdependent systems of discrimination and the disproportionate impacts of climate disruption on frontline communities, we act to facilitate deeper connections, reduce carbon impacts, advocate for strong policy, and empower leadership to work together for a more just and sustainable world. ~ adopted by Ohio IPL Board of Directors, November 2018

2018 Highlights

Reduced Carbon Impacts

Ohio IPL helped 76 faith leaders to "Be A Light" and have energy audits conducted in their homes. To date, at least twenty have installed energy efficiency measures to reduce their home carbon footprint. Through our Energy Stewards program, seven Houses of Worship have calculated their 2018 energy savings with a total of 18,003 ccf's, 136,664 kwh, and 760 tons of CO2 reduced! Thirty-eight Houses of Worship are enrolled in the Energy Stewards program that monitors energy consumption.

Advocated for Public Policy

Ohio IPL offered a strong moral voice for climate action and clean energy policy. In 2018, we advocated for Clean Car Standards, encouraged the "We're Still In" Paris Pledge and supported Ohio's Energy Efficiency Standards.

Empowered Leadership

The theme of the 2018 Faith Climate Action Week (April 14-22) was "Charged with Faith: Leading the Way to a Clean Energy Future" and focused on how we can be leaders in protecting our climate and supporting renewable energy policies.



Be the Spark!

The **Be the Spark Leadership Development for a Just Climate** training, offered in March 2018, provided a forum for forty-four persons of diverse faith beliefs to explore best principles for movement building and organizing for change. The three-day training offered experiential learning and resources on organizing, climate conversations, youth engagement, and meeting facilitation tools.



Action Teams

Three Action Teams—**Food Justice; Land and Water Justice; and Just Solar and Energy Efficiency**—were formed to encourage local faith-frontline initiatives around these issues. A Reparative Justice Fund has been established to support these efforts.

"All things are connected. Whatever befalls the Earth, befalls the children of the Earth." ~Chief Seattle

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.” ~Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dear Friends,

In 2018, the Ohio Interfaith Power & Light Board of Directors turned its attention to transforming Ohio IPL’s mission, vision, and programming to better reflect intersectional justice, inclusivity, anti-racism, and grassroots movement-building. Visit our website at www.ohipl.org to read about our intentions, contribute to the Reparative Justice Fund, and join our growing network.

I am continually thankful that, during this time of dire reports about the state of our planet, amazing and caring people keep showing up and doing the transformative work of caring for ALL of God’s creation.

With hope and gratitude,

Sara Ward, Executive Director



We value your commitment and partnership in our mission.

Thank you!

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