Energy Stewards Program Partnership Agreement
with Ohio Interfaith Power and Light (Ohio IPL) Congregations

The Ohio IPL Energy Stewards program supports Ohio congregations in improving energy efficiency, lessening environmental impacts, and, lowering financial costs. The program includes a web-based platform linked to ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager, providing an online service to chart performance, identify actions, set goals, and provide guidance. By participating, Green Teams, property committees, building managers, and maintenance staff will have the tools to track, evaluate, and improve the performance of their buildings against their benchmarks and those of the ENERGY STAR® ratings for houses of worship nationwide.

The goals are:
1. To care for creation by reducing your carbon footprint
2. To involve members in a meaningful congregational program
3. To have encouragement and accountability by working with other congregations
4. To save money that can be freed for ministry and mission

The Ohio IPL Energy Stewards program will provide:
1. A guided program: Webinars and conference calls with ES trainers and energy stewards of other congregations—to train, set goals, chart progress, and answer questions.
2. Online tools to reduce energy use: Set of action steps to follow as well as graphs to track your energy use as basis for energy-reducing actions and to verify progress.
3. Online tools to track carbon-generation changes. Through ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager.

The participating congregation agrees to:
1. Commit to participate actively in this program. Make changes in energy use appropriate for your buildings and feasible for you financially. Pay $120.00 annually for these services. The congregation may withdraw from the program at any time.
2. Appoint an Energy Steward with a support team. There are no special qualifications for this task other than being interested in being active in the program. Training will be provided for energy-reducing steps in your building.
3. Provide information on building specifications and energy use history.
4. Help to evaluate the program and make your story available to share with others.

The ______________________ Congregation located in ________________________ wishes to participate in the Energy Stewards program and agrees to the provisions set forth in this agreement.

_______________________ Governance Chairperson (or equal) Date___________________

_______________________ Pastor, Rabbi, Imam (or equal) Date___________________

_______________________ Rev. Marcia Dinkins, Director, Ohio IPL Date___________________

Please print two copies, sign, and send to: Ohio IPL-Energy Stewards | 4041 N. High Street, Suite 100A, Columbus, OH 43214

Enclose check for $120.00 (annual) made out to “Ohio Interfaith Power and Light” earmarked for Energy Stewards Program. Online payments available through the website at www.ohipl.org. Thank you.