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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Heartfelt greetings to you all in this work which some call the “greatest moral challenge of our time” - to protect and heal what we can of our Earthly home and all its inhabitants, all creatures, all life, our selves, all of our brothers and sisters, and all our children in communities and lands across the globe. Some of you are aware that I have decided it is time for me to write a new story for how I live into this work in the months and years to come, and I leave Ohio IPL in the capable hands of our board and the amazing team of consultants that will now be led by Rev. Marcia Dinkins from Toledo, Ohio.

I am excited to support Rev. Marcia in her transition over the next two months and know that she brings a clear sense of justice to her new role as the Executive Director of Ohio IPL. As I do this, it is with gratitude for all of you and the work that you do, now and in the future. I leave with a full heart and encouraged by the leadership of the board of Ohio Interfaith Power & Light to live into our new Mission which I share with deep admiration:

“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, resource to reduce carbon impacts, advocate for strong policy, and empower leadership to work together for a more just and sustainable world.”

Since 2016 Ohio IPL has challenged our awareness of the justice issues which permeate this work and moved forward with clear intentions of how we must work together — with shared values that reflect spiritual inspired leadership and stewardship, interfaith collaboration and community, intersectional movement building, empowering personal and collective transformation and centering marginalized voices, experiences and stories.

So many of you have supported this work from the beginnings in 2007 when Sr. Paula Gonzalez and Keith Mills founded Ohio Interfaith Power & Light. I humbly ask that you continue to do so, with your time, your talents and your treasures - so we can live into our hopes and dreams of a safe and renewed planet for all. Please don't be a stranger, let's stay in touch! Blessings on all of you and on this day!

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