

## Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Resources

- Our Congregational Energy Efficiency and Audit Workshops examine ways in which congregations and their members' households can save money on energy bills while helping to protect Creation.
- An online carbon footprint calculator and other energy efficiency resources for congregations and households can be found at [www.CoolCongregations.org](http://www.CoolCongregations.org).
- Shop at our online store for congregations, [www.ShopIPL.org](http://www.ShopIPL.org), for discounted energy efficiency products and Sears appliances.
- NC IPL offers information on government, business and nonprofit energy efficiency and renewable energy incentives.

## Public Policy Advocacy Resources

- We empower congregations and individuals to have their voices heard within local, state and federal agencies and legislative bodies to promote ethical rules and regulations on energy and climate change that address the needs of the least amongst us and improve and protect the environment.
- We keep you informed of ways to support good public policy through occasional action alerts and updates. You can also learn about current policy activities and recommended action items by visiting our website's Faith in Action section on a regular basis.

*Please join our growing network of individuals, families, congregations, and other organizations by visiting our website at [www.ncipl.org](http://www.ncipl.org) and clicking on "join us".*

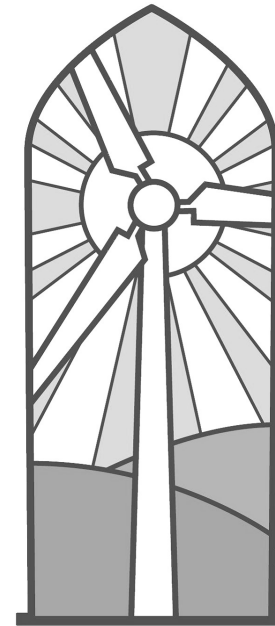
*NC IPL is grateful for the generous support we receive from foundations and other institutions, but we also appreciate and depend on the support of individuals and congregations.*

*Please consider making a donation by mailing a check to our Raleigh address made payable to NC IPL, or use our secure online donation form at [www.ncipl.org](http://www.ncipl.org).*



# North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light

*a program of the NC Council of Churches*



## *A Religious Response to the Climate Crisis*

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North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light works with faith communities to address the causes and consequences of global climate change, and promote practical solutions, through education, outreach, and public policy advocacy.

## NC IPL Certificate of Participation

*We pledge to support the mission of NC IPL  
and to do **one or more** of the following:*

- Educate our congregants about the climate crisis
- Conduct an energy audit of our buildings to identify sources of energy waste and potential financial savings from energy-related improvements
- Make energy efficiency improvements to our congregation's buildings or employ green building strategies in new construction and remodeling
- Utilize renewable energy by purchasing green power, installing solar panels or other means
- Analyze, reduce and offset our greenhouse gas emissions with the goal of becoming a nonpolluting congregation
- Support public policies that promote renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_ # of members: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Office E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation's Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact (laity or clergy): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Clergy: \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax the completed form to 919-828-9697 or mail it to  
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### Our Faith, Our Planet, Our Responsibility

Climate change has reached a crisis with severe environmental, social and moral consequences. Scientists have concluded that the increase in greenhouse gases is primarily due to human activity such as the burning of fossil fuels and the destruction of forests.

The climate crisis is a social justice concern. The United States, with 4% of the world's population, emits 25% of the world's greenhouse gases. The poorest among us will be the ones most affected by climate-induced heat waves, floods, famines and droughts.

Every faith tradition calls us to be good stewards of the environment and to accept our responsibility to care for Creation. We all share the responsibility to protect the earth for all living beings, including our selves, our children and future generations.

### Join NC IPL

We have an opportunity to prevent the most devastating effects of rapid climate change if we act today. We invite all congregations to make a commitment to address the climate crisis by signing the Certificate of Participation in this brochure or on our website. You will be joining with NC IPL and religious communities of many faith traditions in North Carolina and across the nation who are united in their desire to address the climate crisis through faithful personal and congregational environmental stewardship.

### Our Support For Participating Congregations

NC IPL provides clergy, staff, and laity with the tools to lower their carbon footprint through energy efficiency, waste reduction and renewable energy use. The Certificate of Participation contains actions that your congregation may take as you begin the process of becoming a more environmentally-aware spiritual community. When you become a Participating Congregation, we will assist you in implementing whichever actions you choose.

### Educational Resources

- Our website, [www.ncipl.org](http://www.ncipl.org), is regularly updated with climate and energy news, events, and relevant documents and resources such as films and other materials covering scientific and faith perspectives on climate change and Creation care.
- Religious education materials, including curricula, sermons and prayers, and religious observances are available as downloads or links to web-based resources are provided.