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Letter from the Founder and Executive Director

REGENERATION IS WHAT WE ARE ABOUT. As religious leaders and theologians, we regenerate or bring spiritual renewal to the human soul. The harm being done to God’s good Earth and ultimately to ourselves arises out of a lack of spiritual awareness.

It is time for a religious response to global warming because this is first and foremost a moral issue. If we love our neighbor, we must not pollute the air that sustains us all. Religion has proven throughout history to be a crucial component of successful movements. This makes our Interfaith Power and Light campaign essential to help transform our culture.

Our goal is to regenerate a notion of global community in which every person of faith recognizes their responsibility to be stewards of Creation. We have taken a leadership role in guiding worshipers away from destructive behavior and toward action that will sustain future generations. We teach empathy, justice and peace by helping people of faith to take action to care for each other and our shared planet. Our Interfaith Power and Light campaign draws on diverse faith traditions to motivate change.

Over the next few pages you will witness the growth and swift success of The Regeneration Project’s Interfaith Power and Light campaign. By the grace of God and many hard-working and dedicated supporters, we bring you our success stories from 2005. On the following pages you will see who we are, what we do, and what we have accomplished. We are just beginning.

THE REV. SALLY G. BINGHAM
Every mainstream religion has a mandate to care for creation. We were given natural resources to sustain us, but were also given the responsibility to act as good stewards and preserve life for future generations. Global warming is one of the biggest threats facing humanity today. The very existence of life — life that religious people are called to protect — is jeopardized by our continued dependency on fossil fuels for energy.

We are people of faith motivated at our deepest level by the moral values that lie within our religious traditions.

We are an affiliated network of state programs positioned to be agents of change.

We are following a time-honored tradition wherein religion leads movements of moral change.

“The Regeneration Project gives us both the hope and the vehicle for sharing this responsibility.”

THE RT. REV. M. THOMAS SHAW
BISHOP OF MASSACHUSETTS
building momentum for the religious voice

Gathering in the Capital

In July 30 IPL leaders from across the country gathered at the National Cathedral in Washington DC. Our annual conference is an opportunity for all of the state leaders to meet in person and share ideas, build relationships, and engage in training opportunities necessary for national collaboration and an effective campaign. We met with 42 legislators on Capitol Hill to discuss the moral reasons for a clean energy program in the US.

Global Events

IPLs currently have over 1,000 congregation members around the country. Our outreach has gone far beyond these congregations, but these are our core constituency who have signed onto the covenant and agreed to take action. We will double our membership in 2006 as a participant in the Clinton Global Initiative, a community of global leaders working to devise and implement innovative solutions to some of the world’s most pressing challenges.

United Nations Climate Change Meeting

At the invitation of the Canadian Government and in collaboration with US Climate Action Network, an IPL delegation attended the UN Climate Change meetings in Montreal. We added the moral and religious voice to the discussions about global warming. IPL leaders took part in interfaith activities at the conference including a service at St. Joseph’s oratory that was attended by nearly 2,000 people.

Getting the Word Out

TRP sent out 450 copies of our award-winning “Lighten Up!” video. This 20-minute video, featuring the Rev. Sally Bingham, explains global warming and makes the case for people of faith to take action to address this critical issue. It is commonly shown to audiences across the country and won a Platinum Best of Show Aurora award for excellence in filmmaking.

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Massachusetts IPL was featured in an article near Earth Day that described changing to energy efficient lighting in the North Tower that was made famous by Paul Revere:

“On an April night in 1775, two lanterns in the Old North Church were lit to warn the Colonial militia that the British were coming, a symbol of defiance that sparked the Revolutionary War. This month, the church installed energy-efficient light bulbs in the famed steeple to urge other congregations to become more environmentally conscious. Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light, a group working to reduce energy consumption in houses of worship, held a ceremony at the church last evening to mark the installation of compact fluorescent bulbs, which organizers said would cut energy consumption and environmentally harmful power-generating emissions by 75 percent...”

Oregon IPL was highlighted in a newspaper article about a church solar installation:

“Oregon Interfaith Power and Light applauds Peace Lutheran Church for being the first congregation in Oregon to mount a grid-tied solar electric system. They are demonstrating stewardship of God’s creation and will bless future generations by reducing global warming gasses and providing reliable energy for years to come.”

“Thank heaven, then, for the Vermont Interfaith Power and Light organization.”

— Vermont Bennington Banner editorial

“Concern for creation, the web of life that sustains us, is the heart of a religious life.”

— Sacramento Bee Opinion Editorial
In the winter and spring of 2005, California and Oregon IPL worked on “The West Coast Governor’s Global Warming Initiative.” Over 100 clergy from Oregon and California signed on to a letter urging strong state action to address global warming. The three people were a business leader, a scientist, and a religious leader — The Rev. Sally Bingham. This was later changed to a larger gathering and Rev. Bingham was seated with a small group behind the Governor. Oregon IPL mobilized the faith community who then provided letters, meetings, and phone calls around policy recommendations. The Oregon Department of Energy recognized the faith community in their report. Eight religious leaders and the director of Oregon IPL, Jenny Holmes, met with Oregon’s Governor who took more than 30 minutes to talk with them.

Much of our work around this issue focuses on tangible results in congregations — putting our faith into action. This work includes educating congregations and helping them buy energy efficient lights and appliances, providing energy audits and implementing the recommendations, encouraging people to buy more fuel efficient vehicles and to drive less, supporting renewable energy development through “greentags,” working on large-scale renewable energy installation projects such as rooftop solar and advocating for sensible energy and global warming policy.

Interfaith Power and Light has 18 state affiliates across the country, highlighted above in blue. New states in 2005: Iowa, North Carolina, and Texas.

Michigan IPL worked with St. Elizabeth’s Catholic Church to conduct an energy audit and implement the suggested changes. They invested $150,000 in changes such as a new boiler, energy efficient lighting and appliances, window insulation, and a solar thermal hot water heater. Their investment has provided a savings of $20,000 a year, which is a 50% reduction in their annual energy budget.
Michigan IPL is working on an ambitious pilot project — an online shopping cart that is offering congregational members energy efficient lighting products and appliances at low prices. At the checkout, the customer gets an estimate of energy savings, dollar savings, emission reductions and the equivalent of trees planted or cars taken off of the road given their purchase. The results so far are reduction of 4,664 tons of CO2, 23 tons of SO2, 11 tons of NOX, 907 lbs. of particulates, 0.2 lbs of mercury resulting in a savings of $652,367. This represents the equivalent of planting 1,271 acres of forest or keeping 807 cars off the road for a year.

Illinois IPL has thirteen congregations purchasing Illinois wind power. They spearheaded a project with Chicago’s first church to install a solar hot water system. They are also assisting a church downstate with a green building project.

Minnesota IPL organized a “Polar Meltdown Speaker Series” with polar explorer Will Steger explaining the negative impact of global warming on the polar regions. Will is quite well known in Minnesota and proved to be an exceptional draw in suburban areas. For example, at Easter Lutheran, 200 attended, at Minnesota Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 180 attended, and at Transfiguration Catholic Church, 250 attended.

Georgia IPL created a Hanukkah Guide, which outlines reasons for switching to energy efficient light bulbs (CFLs), the environmental impacts of electricity generation, and the Jewish community’s responsibility to care for Creation. It suggests that each night of Hanukkah, members switch out one of their regular incandescent bulbs with a CFL, and then read the study guide entry, which includes information, and a prayer. The holiday guide is also available for Advent and Kwanzaa.

Connecticut IPL has organized consultation for green building projects or conservation upgrades for 22 organizations, including one kosher food store, 20 congregations and the association of non-profit building managers for the state. They have run a Lighten-Up CFL light bulb sale with 30 congregations and sold approximately 3,400 bulbs. Currently, Connecticut IPL has 25 churches and synagogues which have purchased clean energy, including 9 which have run drives to encourage their congregants to become residential customers for clean energy. Two of their congregations have succeeded in encouraging one or more congregants to install solar PV on their roofs. A third congregation is looking into this for their community’s building.

“We commend you for the many successes that your national campaign has experienced as it weaves its way across the US. We are impressed by the rapid growth of Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) state organizations in number and in organizational and political and sophistication.”

JENNIFER SOKALOVE, COMPTON FOUNDATION, INC.
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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

Public support and revenue

Individual contributions $22,500.00
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TOTAL SUPPORT $327,500.00

Expenses

Program services 57%
Supporting services 13%
IPL Regrant Program 30%

Program services $178,130.00
Supporting services $40,000.00
IPL Regrant Program $93,500.00

TOTAL EXPENSES $311,630.00

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