The Regeneration Project
Interfaith Power & Light
2007 ANNUAL REPORT
A Message from our President

Can religion change the climate? I think so. The Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) Campaign moved into five more states in 2007 and thus with 25 state programs the movement for “a religious response to global warming” is gaining momentum and prestige. The IPL Campaign has engaged hundreds more people to put their faith into action and address the human potential for solving the problem. Through the extraordinary efforts of IPL and others, climate protection has become a priority issue for mainstream religious denominations. Our Religious Leaders Summit in San Francisco last April was instrumental in helping that to happen. It was a highlight for us to have Muslims, Jews, Christians and Buddhists stand in solidarity and in agreement that the moral voice of religion can and must bring about the change that needs to happen to save creation. We have entered into dialogue with scientists and policy makers at a high level, giving us a leadership role not imaginable just five years ago.

Dreaming of 2008,

The Rev. Canon Sally G. Bingham

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Moving Forward

A Major Growth Year

We are proud to report that we’ve enjoyed a very successful year. In fact, managing our success has been our greatest challenge. More and more faith groups and congregations are waking up to the threat of global warming and realizing their responsibility to play a major role in addressing this ecological and moral crisis.

Our growth and momentum continue to build and Interfaith Power and Light is now firmly established as the “go-to” organization on this issue for the faith community. As a result, we are receiving a multitude of requests and invitations for affiliation, support, and involvement from all quarters.

All this added up to make 2007 a major growth year for us. To keep up with the demand for our services, we added new state affiliates, new staff, and new programs.

New States

In 2007, our Interfaith Power and Light affiliated network experienced tremendous growth, adding five new state programs: Hawaii, Kentucky, Ohio, Rhode Island and Utah for a total of 25. Prospective new state affiliates are approaching us regularly as word of our campaign grows and the religious response to global warming builds.

New Staff

In 2007, we added three new staff positions including an executive director, a development director, and an online communications manager. These new staff positions reflect our commitment to building the organizational infrastructure needed to support our rapid growth and the demand for our program. In addition, we began a strategic planning process to steer our development over the next five years.

New Programs

ShopIPL.org, an online energy efficiency store was launched this year with a grant from the EPA. This website, specifically geared to congregations, offers a discount to our congregational members and their congregants. And to sweeten the pot further, a portion of each sale goes back to the state IPL, helping states grow and diversify their revenues.

Expanded Online Capacity: Our new online software allows our members to send messages to their elected representatives in support of important policy priorities like clean energy and capping greenhouse gas emissions with the click of a mouse. Our national email list includes 20,000 people from the faith community in all 50 states. In 2007, our action alerts generated thousands of letters to help pass the new Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards (CAFÉ) – the first time Congress increased fuel economy in three decades.

IPL Mission

The mission of the Interfaith Power and Light Campaign is to be faithful stewards of creation by responding to global warming through the promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. This campaign intends to protect the earth’s ecosystems, safeguard human health, and ensure sufficient, sustainable energy for all.
Each year, IPL leaders come together for training, to lay groundwork for regional and national collaborations and to share best practices. In July, the annual conference took place in Loveland, Colorado, outside of Denver. Hunter Lovins, from Natural Capitalism, was a keynote speaker.

Cool Congregations in Iowa and Beyond

Developed by Iowa IPL, Cool Congregations is an innovative energy stewardship program that has now become a signature project throughout our affiliated network. It is focused on congregational households’ energy consumption patterns, including calculation of carbon dioxide emissions, and exploring and selecting energy efficient practices to reduce that energy use. The program encourages households to take up a year-long effort to reduce their carbon footprint by at least 10%. Think of it as an energy ‘tithe’.

Catholic Nun from Oregon Represented IPL at the UN Climate Change Conference

Sister Pat Nagle of Oregon IPL attended the UN Climate Change Conference in Bali as a representative of Interfaith Power and Light and the World Council of Churches, presenting our message of the moral imperative to fight global warming on an international stage.

Interfaith Diversity in Utah

Utah IPL understands the power of working together. One of our newest IPL affiliates, Utah has already garnered the support of a diverse group of faith communities, including Methodist, Episcopal, Mormon LDS, Unitarian, Jewish, UCC, Lutheran, Catholic, Muslim, Quaker and Mennonite.

California Clergy Advocate for Global Warming Policy

On September 5th, California IPL brought 12 clergy and religious representatives to Sacramento for a Global Warming Advocacy Day in the state capitol. With 23 meetings packed into a single day, CIPL promoted a bill to provide incentives for residential solar water systems, a companion to the “Million Solar Roofs” law that was passed last year, as well as other important legislation addressing smart growth and green building standards.
**Michigan IPL Spearheads Online Energy Efficiency Store**

Michigan IPL’s pioneering online shopping cart was the springboard for our national web-store specializing in energy efficient products, tailored specifically to congregations’ needs. Collaboration between our IPLs in Michigan, Illinois, Georgia, Greater Washington, Oregon and Texas resulted in the launch of www.ShopIPL.org, which offers a variety of Energy Star rated products, including lighting. This innovative program offers a discount to our members while also generating revenue for state affiliates.

**Free Energy Audits for Congregations in Vermont**

Vermont IPL volunteer Ron McGarvey, a retired energy auditor, travels throughout the state, performing free audits for congregations. His recommendations often result in significant cost and energy saving improvements to the facilities. But it’s not just dollar signs that inspire. “If we’re really going to have a long-term effect on reducing greenhouse-gas emissions,” he said, “people have to be motivated by more than just, ‘how much money am I going to save?’ You do it because it’s the right thing.” Since the launch of the program, Vermont IPL has conducted audits of over 80 houses of worship.

**Fighting Coal Plants in North Carolina**

North Carolina IPL played a key role in stopping the construction of one of two proposed coal-fired power plants, turning out half of the people who testified in Raleigh at the annual NC Utilities Commission public hearing in January. North Carolina IPL members also testified before the NC Division of Air Quality and helped to organize additional citizens’ hearings in three metropolitan areas. Prior to 2007, public participation in these hearings was rare, and for people to speak from the faith perspective was, perhaps, without precedent. North Carolina IPL remains vigilant and continues its campaign against the other proposed plant, near Charlotte.

**In the News**

*[IPL’s] state chapters teach congregations how to conserve energy, skills it also hopes they’ll apply at home.*

— April 30, 2007

The Rev. Sally Bingham encourages churches across the country to conserve energy and preach the green message to their parishes. It’s a religious issue, she said.

— May 8, 2007

**Religious Leaders Urge Action on Warming**

An interfaith body of Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders announced a pact to fight global warming.

— May 22, 2007

**People who sit in the pews and profess a love for God should be the people protecting creation.**

— Rev. Sally Bingham, December 6, 2007

**Accolades**

The Rev. Sally Bingham was featured in a list of the Top 15 Green Religious Leaders.

The 2007 U.S. EPA Climate Protection Award was presented to the Rev. Sally Bingham and the IPL Campaign acknowledging leadership, innovation, dedication and achievements in climate protection.
“Today we stand together as a religious force for change.”

In April, The Regeneration Project hosted a Climate Summit for 14 Protestant, Catholic, Evangelical, Jewish, and Muslim national leaders. The result was a declaration on the moral responsibility of the U.S. Government to address global warming, later signed by 600 more clergy and denominational leaders. The leaders also committed to educate and mobilize their constituencies on the issue. Subsequently, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church testified to the U.S. Senate using the information gathered at our summit.

Religious Leaders Declare the Moral Responsibility of the U.S. Government to Address Climate Change.

Jewish, Christian and Muslim Leaders Unite over Threat to Creation
An Open Letter to the President and Congress calling for immediate action on global warming

The complete text is available at www.theregenerationproject.org/stmt.pdf

* Organizational affiliation listed for identification purposes only
Financials

2007 Statement of Activities — Year Ending December 31

Total Income
- Foundation Grants 87%
- Individual Contributions, Major Donors, and Interest 13%

Total Expenses
- National Program 39%
- California IPL Program 25%
- Alaska IPL Program 9%
- Development 8%
- Administration 19%

Foundation Grants $1,066,600
Individual Contributions, Major Donors, and Interest $151,733
TOTAL INCOME $1,218,333

National Program $207,090
California IPL Program $129,482
Alaska IPL Program $45,560
Development $40,311
Administration $103,199
TOTAL EXPENSES $525,642

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