Resilient Congregations:
hope-filled responses to climate change as a moral imperative

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North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light
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Who are We?

A program of the NC Council of Churches
A state affiliate of Interfaith Power and Light

We work with faith communities in North Carolina to address the causes and consequences of global climate change, and offer practical hope-filled responses, through education, outreach and public policy advocacy.
Our History

- Interfaith Power & Light
  - Founded by Rev. Canon Sally Bingham - San Francisco, 1998
  - Now IPL Chapters established in 40 states

- NC Interfaith Power & Light
  - The Climate Connection – NC Council of Churches program started by Sister Evelyn Mattern, 2000
  - Became 16th state affiliate of IPL in 2005
What We Do...

Offer 3 programs AT NO CHARGE to faith communities

- **emPOWERed:**
  A Comprehensive Energy Program for Congregations

- **Sacred Foodscapes:**
  Making the Food-Faith-Climate Change Connection

- **Worship**
  Clergy and Event Programming and Resources

Support advocacy at the national and state levels

- Identifying important issues and opportunities
- Providing background information and speaking points
- National Preach-In on Climate Change
emPOWERed: A Comprehensive Energy Program for Congregations

1. Energy Savings Analysis: Energy Audits NCIPL offers professional level energy audits at no change to all NC congregations.
Success Story: First Presbyterian Church Asheville

RECOMMENDED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS AND ACTIONS

- Project 1 - Sanctuary Lighting Upgrade
- Project 2 - Incandescent to LED Exit Sign
- Project 3 - T12 to T8 Lighting Upgrade
- Project 4 - 32W T8 to 28W T8 Lighting Upgrade
- Project 5 - Select Outdoor Lighting to LED Upgrade
- Project 6 - Gas Boiler Upgrade
- Project 7 - Energy Management System
The sanctuary, constructed in 1890s and renovated in 1951 with 43’ ceilings

Old - 268 bulbs, 40,410 watts
New lamp watts – 4,040
Saving 36,000 watts, 89%

Cost - $4,000
Annual Savings - $5,353

Predicted Five Year Savings - $26,764!!
emPOWERed:

2. Solar Resources:

Financing Models for NC Congregations

“How-to” Guide for getting solar panels for your congregations
Sacred Foodscapes
Making the Food-Faith-Climate Connection

Local, Regional, & National Partnerships

- Interfaith Food Shuttle
- Carolina Farm Stewardship Association
- Audubon
- NC Wildlife Federation
- National Wildlife Federation
Advocating with Compassion:
The faith voice is pertinent, valued, and powerful

Lay and Ordained Faith leaders around the state have been speaking out regarding the morality around climate change.

Some issues that the faith community has spoken towards include:

- **Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standards**
- **Net Metering**
- **Offshore Drilling and Offshore Wind Energy**
- **Duke/Progress’s Integrated Resource Plan**
- **Keystone XL Pipeline**
- **EPA Carbon Pollution Rules**
2014 National Preach-In on Climate Change

“I WILL” do my part to protect the climate for future generations
Resilient Life
The Triple Bottom Line

People

Purpose & Vision

Planet

Partnerships

Profit
Connecting Communities through Caring Circles as a Moral Call to Care for Creation!
Resilient Congregations Network

- As a program of the NC Council of Churches, NC Interfaith Power & Light has an opportunity to communicate through the Council’s membership of over 6,200 congregations and 1.5 million congregants across the state.
Connecting Communities: Faith in Action
"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

- Maya Angelou
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