# Our faith, our planet, our responsibility

Global warming has reached a crisis of severe environmental, social and moral consequences. Scientists have concluded that the severe effects of global warming are primarily due to human activity – the burning of fossil fuels, destruction of forests, and release of heat-trapping gasses such as carbon dioxide.

Missouri IPL seeks to illuminate global warming as a social justice concern; the poorest among us will be the ones most affected by the climate-induced heat waves, floods, famines, and droughts.

In promoting Missouri's interfaith community, we recognize that every major faith tradition relates an ethical and moral framework for stewardship of the environment and acceptance of our responsibility to care for the earth. We can all share in the protection of the planet for our children and future generations.

### Who are we?

Missouri IPL will engage, equip and educate Missouri faith communities to be stewards of God's creation by addressing the environmental and social justice consequences of climate change. We seek to promote energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy to protect the earth's ecosystems, safeguard public health, and ensure sufficient, sustainable energy for all.

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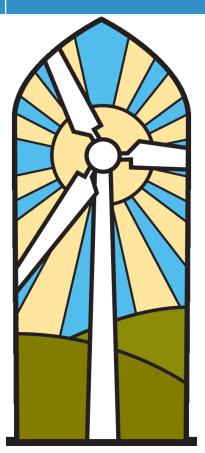
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# Missouri Interfaith Power & Light (IPL)

A religious response to global warming



## Join Missouri IPL

We have an opportunity to prevent the most devastating effects of climate change if we act today. Missouri IPL is mobilizing our state's religious communities to have a visible, actively engaged role in addressing this serious issue. Missouri IPL invites all congregations to make a commitment to confront climate change by becoming a member and signing the Congregational Covenant included in this brochure. You will be joining the Missouri IPL and religious communities of many faith traditions who are united in their desire to approach global warming through faithful congregational environmental stewardship



### **Benefits to Membership**

The Missouri IPL Congregational Covenant contains actions that your congregation may take as you begin the process of becoming a more environmentally aware spiritual community. When you sign our covenant, Missouri IPL will assist you in implementing whichever action(s) you choose. Benefits to membership include:

Educational Resources:

Sample sermons and prayer services

Special educational programming events

Our e-newsletter with information about special programming, rebates, efficient lighting programs, new products, discounts and more

Films and other materials about scientific and faith perspectives on global warming

Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Resources:

Discounts on energy efficiency products at our online store for individuals and congregations: www.ShopIPL.org

Energy audit resources:

<u>www.CoolCongregations.com</u> online carbon calculator

Information on local energy efficiency programs and rebates

Periodic giveaways: early release films, CFLs

Public Policy Updates:

E-mail Updates about local, state, and national climate change public policy issues

Action alerts and sign-on letters for relevant policy issues inviting your participation – let your voice be heard!

For more information, complete the form and fax to: 314-577.0847 |

#### Join Us!

Joining Missouri IPL brings you and your faith community into a larger conversation about how we can best conserve and protect our environment. Already, over 14,000 congregations belong to IPL nationwide! We want to help you take the best possible care of God's creation, both as an individual and as a member of your congregation. For more information or to join, fill out the form below and return it to us via fax or email. Please consider a donation when you join!

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