

**THOUSANDS REACHED,  
MANY FAITHS, ONE  
MISSION**

"As stewards of God's Creation, we are called to make the Earth a beautiful garden for the human family."  
- Pope Francis

**A RELIGIOUS RESPONSE TO  
GLOBAL WARMING**



CIPL staff, network members, and volunteers are here to support you as your congregation discerns how your faith is calling you to respond to the climate crisis. Not every house of worship can go solar, and not every faith leader can advocate at City Hall for 100% clean energy, but every faith community can do more to promote the health and safety of our communities and our common home.

We have resources to share, connections to make, and volunteer opportunities for you to help advance climate action in California.

Our faith traditions call on us to love our neighbor, and to protect the Earth for our children and future generations. *California Interfaith Power & Light's* network of diverse faith communities is responding to this call, working together to address global warming as a moral issue. Spanning the state from Chico to San Diego, Mono Lake to Monterey Bay, our congregations are putting their faith into action by becoming more energy efficient, installing solar arrays, planting community gardens, and advocating for strong climate policies locally and in Sacramento. Together, with the wisdom and love of our many faiths, we can model the changes we know are needed for the health of our common home.

By becoming a member of CIPL, your congregation will have access to a variety of resources and the wisdom of a diverse network of faith leaders to support you. To **join the movement** you can go to our welcome page and sign the congregational covenant included in this brochure.



Fresno Interfaith Climate Vigil, 2015

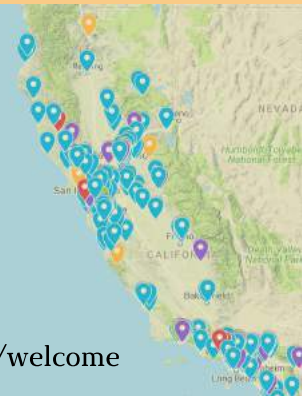
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**Is your congregation ready  
to take climate action?**

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**OUR FAITH, OUR PLANET,  
OUR RESPONSIBILITY**

**Put your  
congregation  
on the map!**



[www.interfaithpower.org/welcome](http://www.interfaithpower.org/welcome)

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

### Strength in Numbers

- State & local climate, energy, and pollution action alerts
- Invitations to special faith and climate programs, advocacy days, and other events
- Opportunities to share best practices and learn from others
- Stand with people of all faiths for the wellbeing of our common home.

### Greening Houses of Worship

- Energy audit resources
- Learn about local clean energy options
- Celebrate congregations taking climate action at our annual "Cool Climate Awards"
- Join a regional interfaith climate action network
- Solar & Energy Efficiency Guide for Congregations

### Educational Resources

- Access to faith, food, and climate curricula
- Electric Vehicle Guide for Congregations
- Recommended faith & science speakers



Urban Adamah Center, Berkeley 2014 CIPL Honoree



Zahra Billoo and friends from the Muslim American Society 2009 CIPL Honorees

"CIPL has been an important partner in organizing Oakland's diverse faith communities against coal exports. The health and safety of our neighborhood and planet depend on all of us working together. CIPL member congregations and staff have helped raise awareness, build trust, and nurture a hopeful collaborative vision for a thriving Oakland without coal."  
- Pastor Ken Cambers, West Side Missionary Baptist Church, Oakland

## CIPL CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

As a faith community responding to the moral crisis of climate change, we pledge to support the mission of CIPL and commit to actions based on one or more of the following principles:

### EDUCATION

If we are to be faithful stewards of Creation, we must understand the profound ways in which humanity is altering the climate, and to share that understanding with others. We commit to sharing that message both within and outside our congregation.

### CLIMATE JUSTICE

Climate Change and environmental destruction disproportionately affect the poor and those who have contributed the least to the problem. We commit to advocating for those hardest hit by pollution and climate injustice, and to supporting public policies that cut pollution and invest in renewable energy.

### REDUCING POLLUTION

The science is clear: global warming is being caused by the massive amount of greenhouse gases we are releasing into the atmosphere every day. We commit to dramatically reducing our carbon footprint through the use of renewable energy, greater efficiency, and making changes in our transportation and food choices.

### SUSTAINABILITY

Our climate crisis has come from an unsustainable worldview that sees Creation as something to be exploited and discarded, rather than as a garden to be carefully tended for future generations. We commit to resisting this unsustainable culture by being intentional consumers, by recycling and reducing waste, and by aligning our financial resources with our environmental values, such as through fossil fuel divestment.

Faith Leaders stand as part of the No Coal Oakland Campaign, 2016



The covenant can be signed at [www.interfaithpower.org/welcome](http://www.interfaithpower.org/welcome) where there are further ideas and resources for specific actions your congregation can take.

Solar blessing at All Souls Episcopal Church, Berkeley, 2015

