

Our Faith, Our Planet, Our Responsibility



California Interfaith Power & Light

is mobilizing Cool Congregations all over the state to lead the movement for a safe climate and clean energy. Over 560 congregations have joined CIPL.



Interfaith Power & Light is a national campaign involving over 15,000 congregations and 40 state affiliates, of which California was the first.



Our congregational carbon footprint calculator offers a snapshot of your congregation's:

Energy use: use of electricity, natural gas and other fuels

Transportation: carbon emissions from congregations and staff travel

Goods and services: carbon emissions associated with food, office products, cleaning products and other purchases



Waste: emissions from landfill waste converted into carbon equivalent units

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Conservation is the first step



Photos of some of our congregations taking action – changing light fixtures, conserving water in rain barrels and planning new buildings with energy efficiency in mind.



Year 1: Reduce electrical consumption by 11% - awareness campaign and behavior change – turning off lights and computers.

Year 2: Energy efficiency measures saved 16% - Lighting retrofit including PGE rebate, new heating and cooling ducts, attic insulation, new furnace and energy efficient appliances

Energy Efficiency: Trinity Menlo Park



Year 3: Beyond the church walls: 34 households participate in 10% challenge – reducing energy consumption at home

Energy Efficiency: Second Baptist Santa Barbara

When Pastor Wallace Shepherd had an epiphany that environmental issues are justice issues – and has led his congregation in going green.

Second Baptist had an energy audit on the building, energy-efficient lighting was installed, along with energy-efficient office equipment, resulting in a 50% reduction in utility bills.





Current and future members are encouraged to sign a pledge to undertake efficiency measures in their homes.

Right now, Second Baptist is in the process of getting a permit to build a six-unit senior housing complex, which will employ solar energy.

Green Building: Temple Sinai, Oakland



As part of the Jewish concept of "Tikkun Olam" which means "repairing the world" – the congregation at Temple Sinai made their new facility as green as possible – and received Silver LEED certification in 2011.

Community
Supported
Agriculture



Solar Powered Congregations

Four of over 40 solar-powered member congregations



St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, Foster City



Grace Cathedral, San Francisco



Campbell United Church of Christ



Tassajara Zen Center, Carmel Valley

Church of the Brethren, La Verne





Church of the Brethren: Solar

System Size: 57.0 kW DC Generating Since: September 19, 2012

Last Updated: 2:30pm Oct 17, 2012











Education:

Muslim Green Team, South Bay



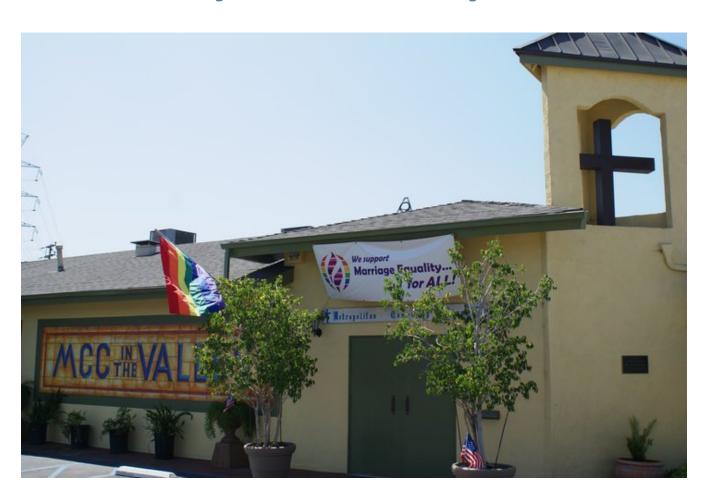


Annual Eco-fair features reusable bags, e-waste disposal, composting, water and energy conservation tips and recycling of hijabs and other articles of clothing.

"As with other faiths, Muslims consider caring for our planet a religious and moral obligation. The work of the Muslim Green Team is a step toward conveying the true balanced and comprehensive message of Islam."

--Bhawana Kamil, Muslim Green Team Co-director

Policy Advocacy: Metropolitan Community Church in the Valley, North Hollywood





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