

# Environmental Groups - MN Interfaith Power & Light

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- Mobilizing religious support for landmark legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Minnesota, educating hundreds of thousands of congregants, and working with every major religious denomination in the state.

### Scope of Participation:

- **Mission:** We believe the active care of creation is integral to spiritual life and social justice. We respond to climate change by bringing Minnesota's faith communities together and by providing opportunities for congregations to join the growing climate justice movement.
- **Membership:** Over 200 MN Faith Communities focused on reducing carbon pollution

### Key Focus:

- **Be the Spark:** Convening leaders in faith communities for training and inspiration to design custom programs for a faith community or denomination, to participate in four-part workshop series that builds community and skills for leading in a faith community.
- **Youth Be The Spark:** Empowering youth by gathering for outdoor fun and leadership training, and then returning to their home congregations to spark the movement. Providing on-going mentorship and support to participating congregations.
- **Climate Conversations:** Breaking the silence on climate change through a relational approach to organizing. Facilitating large group or small group conversations, and train leaders to launch a climate conversation campaign in your community. Examples included: Letter writing to support EPA's "Clean Power Plant Plan", marches and demonstrations such as the "Peoples Climate March", and Lobbying for MN legislation that creates a legal framework for cutting carbon 30%, and increasing the share of electricity from renewable sources to 40% by 2030
- **Cool Congregations:** Empowering faith communities to become carbon neutral. Working with MN Green Corp member, and MNIPL staff to create a carbon reduction plan for your congregation. Working with you to conduct an energy audit, and create a certified carbon reduction plan for your house of worship. Helping your congregation connect the dots between what you do in your home congregation and the global movement so that your actions are part of the emerging social justice story. Examples include: Investing in soon-to-be-available solar gardens

### How to be Involved: Participate in monthly volunteer led, volunteer run teams:

- **Solar Team:** Connects congregations with resources and the information to move forward with investing in solar at the individual or congregational level. For more information, contact [solar@mnipl.org](mailto:solar@mnipl.org) for more information.
- **Policy Advocacy:** Engages in systemic and political change at the state and federal level. For more information, contact [Advocacy@mnipl.org](mailto:Advocacy@mnipl.org) for more information.
- **Divestment:** Connects congregations with models for divestment within individual congregations. For more information, contact [Divestment@mnipl.org](mailto:Divestment@mnipl.org).