

Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light Networks

Affiliations and partnerships with Hoosier IPL build a network of relationships joining us together in common cause. Individuals and organizations can join or partner with us in a variety of ways:



Affiliation

H-IPL offers several benefits to its affiliates, including:

- Assistance with outreach to congregation and community;
- Tools for both congregations and individuals for education and wise energy use;
- Workshops to educate congregations and communities.

Individual Affiliation

Affiliating with H-IPL as an individual consists of joining the mailing list and contributing to our common work by doing at least one of these:

- Volunteering in environmental work with H-IPL and/or one of its regional affiliate groups.
- Making monetary contributions of any size at least annually to H-IPL.

Congregational Affiliation

Affiliating with H-IPL as a congregation involves:

- Appointing a liaison person or group (such as a green team or member of the property committee) who will receive communications and promote events, programs, and resources of H-IPL. If there is a regional affiliate in the area, the liaison will ordinarily work directly with that affiliate group.
- Engaging with H-IPL's programs for fossil fuel reduction, environmental policy, and/or environmental education.
- As possible, making regular contributions to support H-IPL's work from the congregation's mission budget and creating opportunities for congregational members to give individually.

Cool Congregations: Congregations wishing to enter a deeper relationship, including significant efforts at energy reduction in worship buildings and homes may consider taking the steps to become a Cool Congregation, a status entailing more ambitious energy reduction goals using tools provided by H-IPL.

Regional Affiliation

Hoosier IPL also works to join neighboring congregations within the same county or city into groups called "regional affiliates." We currently have affiliate groups in Fort Wayne, Muncie, Kokomo, Indianapolis, Bloomington, Terre Haute, and Evansville, and are always eager to partner with local congregations or environmental groups to help form new groups. Affiliating with H-IPL as a group of congregations and/or individuals involves:

- Entering a covenant to form a local group. While congregations may join the regional affiliate, individuals may also do so without seeking official status from congregational leaders. By promoting the affiliate's and H-IPL's initiatives, they become ad hoc liaisons to their congregation.
- Meeting regularly for education and program planning
- Continuing in good faith to work together with H-IPL according to the terms of the covenant.

Partnership

H-IPL offers several benefits to its partners, including:

- Bringing our expertise in the realm of faith and ethics, as well as our influence with faith groups across Indiana, to promote shared environmental concerns.
- Shared programming, including workshops and energy tools.
- Promotion of the environmental efforts of our partners.

While our partners remain their own entities, as does H-IPL, we would like to list these partnerships and our shared projects in mutually agreeable ways on our websites and other promotional materials.

Environmental Partnerships

Statewide and regional environmental organizations often work as partners with H-IPL, joining in common cause for mutual benefit in mutually agreed-upon programs in which our resources and priorities intersect, working cooperatively for the common good and sometimes jointly sponsoring programs and initiatives. Each partner retains its distinctive voice and mission. We already work with several environmental partners and are eager to expand similar local and statewide partnerships.

Denominational, Interdenominational, and Interfaith Partnerships

Regional and statewide denominational bodies, and interdenominational and interfaith groups in Indiana, also work as partners with H-IPL, joining in common cause, promoting and publicizing one another's environmental efforts in their networks, drawing upon our resources and offering their own.

H-IPL offers workshops, networking, tools, and resources to assist religious bodies throughout the state encourage environmental stewardship in their member congregations. For their part, faith partners often help H-IPL seek congregations with whom we might establish closer relationships. They may also, as they are able, give monetary donations to H-IPL and help us seek funding from within their denominations and networks. H-IPL enjoys active partnerships with several faith groups and invites other religious bodies to work with us as well.

Business Partnerships

Owners of businesses that work in areas such as energy conservation, renewable energy, and other environmentally friendly ventures develop business partnerships with us by providing no-cost or lower-cost services, including education and information, that benefit the groups and individuals we serve. Owners of businesses that aren't necessarily environmentally oriented may also provide services that help further the work of H-IPL or its affiliates (including printing or IT services, meeting provisions, etc.). We will also work cooperatively with such businesses as regional utility companies to promote the energy welfare of Hoosiers.

If you or your group would like to affiliate or partner with Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light, we want to hear from you. Please contact H-IPL Program Director Trisha Tull at trishatull@hoosieripl.org.