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**MISSION**

To ignite the power of faith communities in the Chesapeake region to honor all of Creation by working together to protect and restore our shared watershed.

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**ONE WATER PARTNERSHIP IN BALTIMORE’S JONES FALLS WATERSHED**

- 42 Congregations
- 300 Trees Planted
- 8,000 Sq. Ft. of Gardens Planted

These projects prevent one ton of sediment pollution from reaching local waterways every year!

“There is a place for everyone at the table. Whether the congregation is big or small, there are meaningful things every place of worship can do.”
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Frederick Friends Meeting
Geneva Presbyterian Church
Homewood Friends Meeting
Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church
Maryland Presbyterian Church
Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah/Greengate
Jewish Center
Seekers Church
Dirty Water Hits Close to Home in Waldorf

Taking Care of Our Own House

In Rev. Dr. Melynda Clarke’s words, “We can’t point fingers at others if we have not taken care of our own house.” Forced to use bottled water when her public water supply became polluted, she decided to roll up her sleeves and help out. Once trained in IPC’s Vacation Bible School program, she led a similar workshop with Thomas Stone High School. The students stenciled nearby stormwater drains and the community is building a rain garden on school grounds.

SPOTLIGHT ON LEADERS

Forming Faithful Stewards

A Leader Emerges When He Least Expects It

Encouraging Church Greening

Dick Williams at Memorial Episcopal Church in Baltimore stepped forward to start a Green Team. He and his team, with the help of IPC and other partners, expanded tree pits in the sidewalks to help them survive, installed a butterfly garden at a nearby school, and led educational programs. Dick now leads the Diocese’s “Green Grace,” to engage more Episcopal churches in greening.
**SPOTLIGHT ON HUBS**
*Caring for Sacred Waters*

**Wicomico One Water Partnership**
*Blessing the Wicomico River*

There is a saying that God smiles when people of different faiths work together. God must have been beaming as members of Native American, Muslim, Christian, and Unitarian Universalist communities came together to celebrate the Wicomico River and pray for its restoration. The 50+ people in attendance have a new view of the river that meanders through their town.

**Harford One Water Partnership**
*Rain Barrels for Residents*

Stacks of rain barrels, and every one of them claimed! Holy Communion Lutheran Church received a $5,000 grant to host a rain barrel workshop to teach people how to harvest rainwater at home. Everyone learned how to install and maintain the rain barrels to reduce stormwater pollution. By working through faith communities, we can reach many people at once and change the way people interact with the natural world.

**Baltimore One Water Partnership**
*Opening Eyes to Environmental Injustice*

Community Activist Glenn Ross led a bus tour for our Baltimore One Water Partnership on the city’s east side. To better understand the pressing need to address environmental injustices, over 40 people witnessed neighborhoods oppressed as heat islands with no trees, no healthy food stores, vacant lots, brownfield sites — an everyday experience for so many. Attendees discerned how congregations in the One Water Partnership can respond to what they saw. We also honored new congregations joining the partnership.

*Photo Credit: Glenn Ross*
This year, Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake launched a Faithful Green Leaders Training program. Within each congregation, there are people who yearn to be strong leaders, need to be nurtured and supported, and want to connect with kindred spirits leading similar efforts at nearby congregations. This unique training offers capacity-building, networking, and a wealth of resources.

This training is new for IPC and for participants. We will be learning and growing together. This two-year effort kicked off in November with our first training in Anne Arundel County. In 2020, IPC will lead trainings in Baltimore, Montgomery, Harford, and Wicomico Counties. Our hope is to provide additional trainings for Howard County and the City of Gaithersburg.
2019 FINANCES*
*As of August 2019

TOTAL INCOME:
$301,137

TOTAL EXPENSES:
$312,598

- **Government Grants:** 52%
- **Non-Government Grants:** 36%
- **Gifts:** 8%
- **Earned Income:** 4%

- **Programming:** 79%
- **Administrative & Development:** 20%
- **Fundraising:** .4%

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CHESAPEAKE WATERS ARE DEGRADED

- **C**
  - Chesapeake Bay’s 2018 grade.¹
  - >17,000 people rely on fish from the waters of the Chesapeake.

HEALING THE BROKENNESS

- 100,000+
  - faithful reached by IPC since 2013.
- 20%
  - of our congregations represent underserved populations.
- 30,000+
  - acres of MD land owned & managed by congregations.
- 2.1 M
  - sq. ft. of hard surfaces treated by IPC’s network since 2013.
- 150
  - acres of trees planted by IPC’s network since 2013.
- 550
  - faithful advocated for better policies in halls of power.

BIG GOALS BY 2025

- **Inspire**
  - 500,000 Faithful
- **Engage**
  - 1,000 Congregations
- **Invigorate**
  - 200 Green Teams
- **Plant**
  - 20,000 Trees
- **Filter**
  - 100 Ac. Impervious Surfaces
- **Mobilize**
  - 1,000 Advocates

¹ University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, 2018 Chesapeake Bay & Watershed Report Card
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