



Sample Energy Pledge

Many Electric Steward Congregations will also choose to sign and implement an Energy Pledge. The following sample pledge was created by the Oregon Interfaith Power & Light network. PC(USA) congregations are encouraged to follow this model, adapt it for their own context, or create their own. If your congregation does sign an energy pledge, please send a copy to Electric Stewardship, Enough For Everyone program, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville KY 40202-1396 or email to enough@ctr.pcusa.org. Thank you!

Energy Pledge for

(name of congregation)

(city, state)

- ___ 1. **Go Green!** To encourage development of renewable energy, our congregation will sign up for clean, renewable power through our utility company, or three of our congregational members will become new purchasers of renewable energy.
- ___ 2. **Name an OIPL Contact Person!** We designate _____ of our congregation as our OIPL contact person. You can reach him/her at the following phone number _____ and e-mail address: _____

In addition, we plan to do at least one of the following:

Educate! We will engage members of our congregation in energy conservation and renewable energy by making climate care or energy stewardship the focus of a worship service, using bulletin inserts or newsletter announcements provided by OIPL, or scheduling an OIPL presentation for members of our congregation.

Organize! We will create a congregational energy team to determine how our building(s) can be more energy efficient, to provide on-going oversight of energy conservation measures, and/or to educate our members about energy conservation.

Take conservation action! We will take at least two of the following conservation steps to reduce our congregation's energy use:

- arrange a free energy audit by the utility company that provides our heating
- have a free lighting audit conducted by our utility or energy service provider
- replace incandescent bulbs in frequently-used areas with compact fluorescent bulbs
- replace incandescent bulbs in exit signs with light-emitting diodes (LEDs)
- turn our hot water heater down to 120 degrees
- lower our thermostat setting in winter
- weatherize our doors and windows

Please provide as much of the following information as possible:

Total square footage of all our facilities: _____

We use _____ kwh of electricity a year. We use _____ therms of natural gas a year.

We use _____ gallons of oil a year.

Oregon Interfaith Power & Light (OIPL) is a project of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. An outgrowth of the Oregon Interfaith Global Warming Campaign, OIPL empowers congregations and their members to conserve energy and invest in the development of clean, renewable energy.