

Energy Stewardship Covenant

Name of Congregation _____ Date _____

Our congregation agrees to join with Oregon Interfaith Power and Light (OIPL) to commit to stewardship of our energy resources or have already taken actions and plans to continue down a path of energy stewardship.

___ 1. **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: _____

___ 2. In addition, we will do at least two of the following:

Go Clean! To encourage development of clean energy, our congregation will sign up for clean, renewable power through our utility company or purchase green tags, or five of our congregational members will become new purchasers of renewable power or green tags or purchase biodiesel fuel for heating.

We have taken this action by _____ (How: purchasing blocks of renewable energy or green tags, installing solar electric panels, etc.)

We will begin to explore this step. (It can take time!)

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.

Please send us educational videos and study guides free of charge.

We have taken this action by _____ (specify)

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.

We have taken this action by _____ (specify)

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

Done	In progress	Will do
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> arrange a free energy audit by the Energy Trust or the utility that provides our heating or cooling
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> have a free lighting audit by the Energy Trust or our utility or energy service provider
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> replace incandescent bulbs in frequently-used areas with compact fluorescent bulbs
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> replace incandescent bulbs in exit signs with light-emitting diodes (LEDs)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> turn our hot water heater down to 120 degrees
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> lower our thermostat setting in winter
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> raise our air conditioning thermostat setting in the summer
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> weatherize our doors and windows
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> other conservation or renewable energy activities (please describe)

We will set an example by working reduce our energy use by 20% of 2005 use by 2015 (or sooner).

Please send us a copy of *Energy Star for Congregations Guide, Putting Energy into Stewardship*

Please provide as much information as possible about your congregation's use of energy and interest in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Congregation Membership (however you count it): _____.

Total square footage of all our facilities: _____.

Education Buildings: _____ Any special uses such as day care? _____

Sanctuary: _____

Offices: _____

We use _____ kwh of electricity a year.

We use _____ therms of natural gas a year.

We use _____ gallons of oil a year.

YEAR of bills _____ (if possible provide info. for 2000 or 2005). We can provide assistance in obtaining this information. Also if you send us copies of your bills, we will total them up for you.

Information on energy projects that you have completed in the past five years.

Are you willing to share your experience with other congregations? Yes No

Name, phone and e-mail for contact person:

Anything else you would like to tell us:

If you need help filing this out this form or have questions, don't hesitate to call!

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. To learn more about OIPL or to request a workshop, call (503) 221-1054.

Please return this pledge to OIPL/EMO at 0245 SW Bancroft, Suite B, Portland, OR 97239