



Hawai'i Interfaith Power & Light

"Encouraging energy conservation and efficiency within Hawaii's faith communities"

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Aloha Senior Minister/Church Administrator,

Hawaii Interfaith Power & Light (HIPL) is a non-profit that facilitates a theological response of faith communities to increasing environmental volatility including managing the risks associated with climate change. We are a state affiliate of the national Interfaith Power & Light network that encourages resilience through effective use of energy. Our local partner is Interfaith Alliance Hawaii. IPLs have helped over 10,000 faith groups in 38 states to care for creation.

Our mission is "to encourage stewardship for creation in Hawaii's faith communities, temples, churches, shrines, or campus facilities through energy efficiency and conservation values." As a member of HIPL you will gain access to benefits and programs that have a proven track record of reducing energy costs, saving money and increasing your energy efficiency. We work with you to care for creation, provide you with education about efficiency and ensure that your households and your congregation will reduce your carbon footprints.

We welcome members of your congregations to join us for our Cool Congregations workshop to gain the tools to make a difference in your home, congregation, and community. The program is a collaborative effort between the Interfaith Alliance, Episcopal Diocese and HIPL. It will bring hope and renewal to your community and inform you about sustainable solutions. People of faith across Hawaii are caring for God's creation by adopting sustainable behaviors and at the same time saving money.

At this training, participants will learn how to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy, save money on bills and reduce pollution. Cool Congregations attendees participate in small groups led by a trained facilitator to:

- measure their carbon footprint,
- explore ways to reduce their footprint,
- make a faith-based pledge to reduce their footprint, and then
- celebrate their successes.

We hope to see you **Saturday, September 17th** at **Central Union Church Parish Hall** from **8:30-12** at 1660 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI. For more information on HIPL and to register for the Cool Congregations program, please see our website at hipl.org. You must register to participate.

In closing, we welcome the opportunity to work together to accomplish the goals of this project.

Sincerely,

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