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Oregon Interfaith Power & Light offers resources and workshops to help congregations save energy, money and creation

Oregon Interfaith Power & Light (OIPL) offers opportunities for “putting faith into action through wise electricity choices and energy conservation.” A project of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s Interfaith Network of Earth Concerns, OIPL offers faith communities guidelines, resources and advice on how to save energy and reduce global warming through conservation and investment in renewable power.

Oregon Interfaith Power & Light will present workshops in three locations this fall. The keynote speaker for each workshop is Doug Boleyn. With over 30 years of experience in renewable energy and energy efficiency, Boleyn is energy consultant for OIPL, board member of the Solar Oregon, president of Cascade Solar Consulting, LLC, and a member of the Energy Trust of Oregon Renewable Advisory Committee. Call (503) 221-1054, ext. 203, to register. Pre-registration for each session is recommended a week early, but registration will be accepted at the door if space is available. Discounts are available for larger groups from a single congregation. Lunch is provided at each workshop for a suggested donation of \$8. To download a brochure, go to www.emoregon.org.

Workshops

Energy Stewardship Workshops for the Central Coast

On Saturday, Nov. 3, Oregon Interfaith Power & Light (OIPL), a project of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, partnering with the Energy Trust of Oregon and Oregon Department of Energy, will present two workshops: “**Save Your Congregation Energy and Money**,” from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., and “**Energy Stewardship**,” from 1 to 4 p.m. Both workshops will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2315 N. Coast Highway, Newport, Ore. Geared to the needs of congregations, the morning workshop will cover key principles of energy stewardship for congregations, low-cost and no-cost measures to save energy expenses, and funding energy efficiency projects for religious facilities. Topics for the afternoon workshop include reducing energy costs for homes and businesses, affordable renewable energy options and the ethics of energy stewardship. The cost is \$20 per workshop or \$35 for both workshops.

Energy Stewardship Workshops for Eastern Oregon and Washington

On Saturday, Nov. 17, Oregon Interfaith Power & Light (OIPL), a project of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, will present two workshops: “**Save Your Congregation Energy and Money**,” from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and “**Energy**

MEMBER DENOMINATIONS

African Methodist Episcopal Church ■ American Baptist Churches ■ Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ■ Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Church of the Brethren ■ Community of Christ ■ Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon ■ Episcopal Diocese of Oregon
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ■ Greek Orthodox Church ■ Presbyterian Church (USA) ■ Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Portland ■ United Church of Christ ■ United Methodist Church ■ Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches

Stewardship” from 1 to 4 p.m. Both workshops will be held at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 323 Catherine St., Walla Walla, Wash. Geared to the needs of congregations, the morning workshop will cover key principles of energy stewardship for congregations, low-cost and no-cost measures to save energy expenses, and funding energy efficiency projects for religious facilities. Topics for the afternoon workshop include reducing energy costs for homes and businesses, affordable renewable energy options and the ethics of energy stewardship. The cost is \$20 per workshop or \$35 for both workshops.

Green and Renovations Workshops

On Tuesday, Oct. 2, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, Ore. Oregon Interfaith Power & Light (OIPL), a project of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, partnering with the Energy Trust of Oregon, and Oregon Department of Energy will present “Green Building and Renovations for Congregations: A practical workshop to help congregations save money and care for the Earth.” Topics will include principles of energy-efficient building, why energy is a spiritual issue, case studies of successful projects, getting the results you want—how to work with contractors and architects, Energy Trust of Oregon and OIPL programs and resources, generating energy on-site, financing and rebate opportunities available to congregations, integrating energy efficiency with aesthetic and spiritual concerns, and tips for working with your congregation. The cost is \$30 per individual.

New Resources

Oregon Interfaith Power & Light is offering two valuable resources to OIPL members. First, it is launching a project to help congregations install and finance solar electric panels. Second, it offers a Web site for discounted Energy Star light bulbs and other energy efficient products for home, congregation or fundraisers. For more information, go to the OIPL Web page at www.emoregon.org/power_light.php.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a statewide association of Christian denominations—including Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox bodies—congregations, ecumenical organizations and interfaith partners working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through community ministry programs, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, environmental ministry and public policy advocacy.