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Creation Care Stewardship Pledge

We, (name of faith community or committee working within, and on behalf of, faith community) _____, support the mission of New Mexico Interfaith Power & Light to engage people of faith in caring for creation through education, energy efficiency, renewable energy and advocacy.

We pledge to do one or more of the following:

_____ **Educate our members** about environmental stewardship and the relationship of energy production and usage to climate change, local food, water conservation and support sustainable initiatives;

_____ **Conduct an energy audit** or assessment of our buildings to identify sources of energy waste and the potential financial savings of energy-related improvements;

_____ **Make energy efficiency improvements** to our buildings and encourage our members to do likewise in their homes and places of work;

_____ **Utilize renewable energy** by purchasing green power and/or installing solar panels, wind turbines, solar water heaters, etc.;

_____ **Analyze, reduce and offset our greenhouse gas emissions** with the goal of becoming carbon-neutral;

_____ **Support public policies** that reduce global warming through energy efficiency, renewable energy and responsible food, transportation and development choices;

_____ **If possible, provide ongoing financial support** to the work of NM-IPL.

Contact persons sign below. If there are more than two, please add on back.

Faith Leader		Position
Address	Phone	e-mail
Lay Leader Contact Name		Position
Address	Phone	e-mail

The New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light (NM-IPL) Creation Care Stewardship Pledge may be signed on behalf of a faith community by a pastor, rabbi, staff person or lay leader or by a Green Team or School or other Faith Group.

A pledge to work with many other faith congregations through NM-IPL is important because:

- Taking a moral, ethical and spiritual stand for creation care is an act of love for our Sacred creation and future generations.
- Working collaboratively as a participant with NM-IPL demonstrates that your faith community wants to promote ecological justice for brothers and sisters in New Mexico and all parts of the world, especially those who are economically challenged and suffering most because of a changing climate.
- All of the major religious traditions are calling their members to creation care and a reduction in energy consumption.
- The Creation Care Stewardship Pledge constitutes a witness to other faith communities to consider acting in justice and consideration for creation stewardship.
- Your engagement demonstrates to secular society that people of faith are engaged in addressing consumption, energy use, and policy advocacy.
- The Pledge recognizes and affirms the good things that your faith community and individuals within your congregation are doing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which can then serve as examples for others.
- Your Stewardship Pledge supports the work of NM-IPL staff, programs and the growing library of educational resources that are available to you.
- Having many faith communities, Green Teams or Social Justice Committees signing the Creation Care Stewardship Pledge increases the strength, scope and influence of the ethical and justice voice of NM-IPL's voice when addressing policy issues appropriate for 501 (c) 3's at the local, state, and national levels. You are part of IPL in the United States with 40 state affiliates.

NM-IPL's ministry throughout New Mexico depends upon donations and grants. Any contribution furthers our work together as partners caring for creation and the future. Donations are tax deductible. When possible, NM-IPL asks those signing the Pledge to offer a financial donation to our work (a minimum of \$50 annually is suggested, or more if you are able). Direct questions to info@nm-ipl.org or call 505-266-6966. Please sign the attached page, make a copy for your records and send the original to:

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