



# New Mexico INTERFAITH Power & Light

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## Annual Report for NMIPL Meeting---Nov 12, 2008

### Growth and Membership

New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light continues to grow as the only faith based organization in New Mexico dedicated to addressing the moral and ethical implications of climate change by engaging faith communities through education, energy efficiency and conservation in buildings and public policy advocacy to cap CO2 emissions and promote sustainability and renewable energy.



Truly interfaith, our members and partners now number over 100 faith communities representing Protestants, Jews, Catholics, Buddhists, Muslims, Peace Churches, Unitarians and others. In 2008 we were blessed to welcome our first campus ministry member, Luther House at UNM. Members are in all regions of New Mexico including Carlsbad, Las Cruces, Gallup, Las Vegas, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Questa, Espanola, Socorro and others.

### Education and Outreach

NMIPL members and volunteers were able to spread the word through educational events, presentations and tabling venues throughout the year.

- Staffed more than 15 tabling venues from Earth Day to judicatory events
- Sponsored educational presentations, informative meetings and homilies in more than 20 faith communities; organized public events including a showing of the film

*Renewal: Stories from America's Religious-Environmental Movement*, an evening with engineer JimPalmer to assist faith communities in conserving energy, annual meeting.

- Offered films and printed resources, including *Renewal*, *The Low Carbon Diet*, to members and others; energy-saving items on Shop IPL; and a growing resource library for members and partners
- Maintained communications outreach to members, partners and state, local and national media through website ([www.nm-ipl.org](http://www.nm-ipl.org)), newsletter, monthly e-notes, press conferences, op-ed pieces, columns and essays in

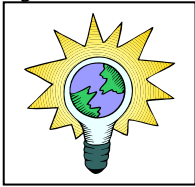


denominational publications.

- Collaborated with 1Sky New Mexico in the "Hands Across New Mexico: Our Children's Future is in Our Hands" to educate and gather outlines of hands and prayers for what it is that one loves and will work to protect. Banner was created. Nearly 1,000 hands gathered with a goal of 1,500 which will be presented to political leaders in 2009 to call for a moral imperative in addressing climate change.

## Actions for Efficiency and Conservation

NMIPL promotes action for efficiency and conservation in houses of worship and in homes and businesses of people of faith. We have assisted in reducing CO2 emissions by:



- \* Helping faith communities with written materials to evaluate energy consumption, human resources for energy audits, promoting the national IPL Cool Congregations website and Shop IPL
- \* Offering small energy efficiency grants
- \* Engaging over 40 faith communities in CFL light bulb giveaways to members and those served by food pantries totaling over 12,903 households and 51,612 CFL light bulbs, reducing CO2 emissions by 41,289,600 pounds over their lifetime use.

## Advocacy on Public Policy

NMIPL educates and organizes its members for action around public policy issues in consultation with the national IPL. In 2008 NMIPL engaged in policy advocacy by growing our advocacy list; initiating phone calls, e-mails, letters, signatures; and visiting congressional delegations on state and national levels on issues including:

- Renewable Energy Tax Incentive
- Over 150 signatures for Western Climate Change Initiative to address concerns of economic equitability on carbon cap
- Increased funding for weatherization for low income families
- Collaboration with national IPL on developing Coal Power Plant and Nuclear Energy Public Policy directives, May visits to DC Congressional Offices
- Participation in 2008 NM Legislative Day for People of Faith Concerned with Climate Change and Energy



## Financial Status

NMIPL has been able to broaden the scope of its work through the generous support of 1SKY New Mexico, which has provided temporary funding for a part-time staff person to work for NMIPL on outreach to the faith community. The board is looking at ways to fund a part-time staff position. Memberships, fundraising, contributions from individuals and congregations, and grants are current funding sources for NMIPL.

<i>Balance carried forward</i>	<i>\$9,540.00</i>
<i>Fundraising</i>	<i>2,656.00</i>
<i>Donations</i>	<i>1,280.00</i>
<i>Memberships</i>	<i>855.00</i>
<i>Total revenue</i>	<i>14,331.00</i>
<i>Total expenses</i>	<i>10,097.00</i>
<b><i>Current balance</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 4,234.00</i></b>

## Looking forward to 2009

NMIPL has many plans for 2009 including increasing memberships and partnerships; outreach to staffs and pastoral leaders through educational breakfasts and materials for homilies on climate change; educational events around coal fired power plants; new efficiency and conservation projects; more helpful resources and YOUR ENGAGEMENT IN THE IMPORTANT WORK OF NMIPL. See our website ([www.nm-ipl.org](http://www.nm-ipl.org)) for more details.