



## The Regeneration Project Interfaith Power & Light

### Global Warming and Religious Values

The people of faith that together form Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) believe the threat of global warming calls for a religious response. This response is motivated by love for our neighbors and the call to be responsible stewards of God's creation.

We focus on this issue because the impacts of global warming will be serious and widespread. The poor will suffer the most. And doing our part to solve the problem requires the kind of long-term hope and vision that is so familiar within our religious traditions, but is often at odds with our world today.

*We cannot interfere in one area of the ecosystem without paying due attention both to the consequences of such interference in other areas and to the well being of future generations.*

– **Pope John Paul II**

*This acknowledgment of global warming, and the Church's commitment to ameliorating it, is a part of the ongoing discovery of God's revelation to humanity and a call to a fuller understanding of the scriptural imperative of loving our neighbor.*

– **The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the US Episcopal Church**

*The impact of climate change will fall disproportionately on those who have contributed the least to this problem – the world's poor. Jesus said, 'What you do unto the least of these, you do to me.'*

– **The Rev. Dr. Joel C. Hunter, Board of Directors, National Association of Evangelicals**

*Muslims heed the call to protect the earth and its inhabitants. We are committed to working with our Christian and Jewish brothers and sisters to reduce global warming pollution.*

– **Dr. Sayyid M. Syeed, Secretary General, Islamic Society of North America**

*Global warming is not just a scientific or political issue – it is a moral issue. It is time for the moral voice of religion to speak up loudly to demand action.*

– **Rabbi David Saperstein, Director of Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism**