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Hawai'i Interfaith Power & Light Covenantal Agreement

As faithful stewards of *aloha ʻaina* (the living earth community), Hawaii Interfaith Power and Light engages faith communities to raise awareness of global warming and create inspirational solutions.

The Hawaii Interfaith Power & Light (HIPL) commits to provide its member congregations with resources to become better stewards of Creation by providing the following for church communities, families, and individuals:

1. Educational resources.
2. Worship resources.
3. Resources for performing an energy audit.
4. Advocacy for public policies that support energy conservation, renewable energy development and use, and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
5. A quarterly HIPL newsletter and other electronic communications.
6. Individual speakers, panel discussions, and guided viewing and discussions of documentaries, other videos, and multimedia presentations on energy, climate change, and stewardship of Creation.
7. Customized information and services at the request of the member congregations.

Congregational Covenant

_____ (Name of congregation or faith community) herewith commits to membership in Hawai'i Interfaith Power & Light and pledges to support the mission of HIPL by agreeing to the following:

1. Commit to care of Creation and mindful use of the earth's resources, especially energy, as a demonstration of faithful stewardship.
2. Contribute to the mission and activities of HIPL through donations of volunteer service, use of buildings or facilities for HIPL-related events, and/or financial contributions, commensurate with the size and resources of the faith community. Suggested contribution levels are listed below.
 - \$500 or more for communities with > 500 members
 - \$250 or more for communities with 200-500 members; or
 - \$100 or more for communities with < 200 members.
3. Provide at least one representative as an active liaison with HIPL.
4. Commit to share effective practices, events and HIPL-related experiences with other HIPL member congregations.
5. Commit to participation in one or more of the following activities of HIPL:
 - Educate our members on energy production and usage in relation to global warming.
 - Conduct an energy audit of our buildings to identify sources of energy waste and the potential financial savings of energy related improvements.
 - Make energy efficiency improvements to our community's buildings.
 - Utilize renewable energy by purchasing green power or green tags and/or installing renewable energy devices such as solar hot water heating or photovoltaic panels.
 - Analyze, reduce, and offset our greenhouse gas emissions with the goal of becoming a climate-neutral congregation.
 - Support public policies that improve energy choices and conservation.

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Faith Community: _____

Address: _____

Faith tradition: _____ # of Members in Community: _____

Signature: _____

Position / Title: _____ Date: _____

Representative / Contact person for on-going work

Name: _____

Position / Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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Signature: _____

Position / Title: _____ Date: _____

HIPL Contact:

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