Growing Your Efforts: Advanced Green Teams

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Passports

GET YOUR STAMPED PASSPORT BY VISITING THE EXHIBIT TABLES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FABULOUS PRIZES

YOU NEED MORE THAN 50% STAMPS TO BE ELIGIBLE AND YOU MUST ATTEND THE PLENARY TO WIN
The Workshop

- Why are we here? – Our inspiration
- Knock, Knock ... (Who’s here)
- Where do we start? – It’s your workshop!
- The Parking Lot
- Our Green Team Model
- GT Challenges and Solutions
- Advanced Activities
- Our Programs & Projects
Faith in Place empowers Illinois people of all faiths to be leaders in caring for the Earth, providing resources to educate, connect, and advocate for healthier communities.
MISSION

Since 1999, Faith in Place has worked with over 1,000 houses of worship throughout Illinois to protect our common land, water, and air.

Faith in Place is the proud Illinois Affiliate of Interfaith Power & Light
Changes made by The People!

- 1775 - 1783 – American Revolution
- 1848 - Present – Women’s Rights / #Me Too
- 1930’s – The Labor Movement
- 1965-1973 – Anti-War
- 1960? - Present – LGBTQ Rights
- 2000’s – Present – Black Lives Matter
• 1955 - 1968 – The Civil Rights Movement
Darkness cannot drive out darkness:
Only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate:
Only love can do that.

{Martin Luther King Jr.}

PASSION + PURPOSE
Be the Change you want to see!

Those who were inspired spread the word which lead to a movement!
Be the Change you want to see!

Your Team !?
Knock, Knock, who's here?

- Quick Introductions around the room
  - Name
  - Geographic location
  - House of worship
  - One success and one challenge from your Green Team
Knock, Knock, who's here?

- *What brought you here today?*

- *What do you want to leave with today?*
Green Team Challenges

• Sustainability of members/energy
• Cost
• Vision
• Recruitment
• Staying relevant/exciting
• Communication
• Being seen as more than “just a committee”
Green Team Challenges

• What would you add to this list?

• What’s been successful?

• What hasn’t?
Our Model

Educate
faith partners on the ways to bring the message of environmental consciousness to their communities

Connect
faith communities to one another and to important resources such as funding and green experts

Advocate
with local and statewide environmental partners for accountability
Our Organizing Model

Green Team

Green Team Coach
Make it Easier – The Path

The Journey to Become Energy Efficient

- Form a Green Team
- Smart Energy Workshop
- Utility Assessments
- Benchmarking
- Level 1 Energy Audit
- Transportation: Bike to Worship
- Level 2 & 3 Energy Audits & Retrofits
- Solar Panels
Green Teams are Diverse!

- 127 current active Green Teams (up from last year - 110, 93!)
- Coach will mentor and connect your Green Team to programs and opportunities for Earth care in your area.
- Coaches will reach out twice a month and may attend your meetings and events.

First Presbyterian Church, Champaign
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Episcopal Church, Waukegan
Covenant United Church of Christ, South Holland
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Glen Ellyn
Our Organizing Model

Green Team

Green Team Coach
Connect to Faith
Greening is an act of love, faithfulness, and praise.

Find Allies
Do not try to do this alone. There are people around you who care deeply about the issues. Support one another as you do this important work.

Celebrate!
Don’t forget to have fun! Let people rejoice together in the good work that your faith community is doing.

It’s About Justice
In order for it to have relevance to people’s lives, it needs a human face.

Don’t Scold
Because we are people of faith, our job is to fix ourselves, not fix other people. No one is blameless, so there is no need for finger-pointing.

Be Tenacious
Faith communities can move at a glacial pace. Be patient, stick with it, and ask for help when you need it.
Green Team Growth
Connect to your faith:

• Green is how we live out our love for God/Higher Power, neighbor, and self
• Green needs to have a human face: the burden of climate change weighs most heavily on the poor.
• Everyone is downstream (or downwind) of someone
• Our consumption is a modern-day idol
• Environmental justice = social justice
Green Team Projects

Celebrate, educate, challenge, and love:

• Connect to congregation’s current passions
• Find “quick wins” for your community and celebrate your accomplishments publicly
  • Builds momentum and a sense of pride
• Begin to educate and challenge yourselves to bigger things
• Keep your goals in mind, but don’t rush
• Work with love, patience, and a teacher’s spirit
• Keep space for loving disagreement
Green Team Members?

Diverse, motivated, and influential members:

- Lay and ordained
- Youth
- Members from: (or at least project consultants)
  - Facilities/maintenance
  - Finance
  - Worship
  - Education
  - Social action—Green should infiltrate every area in your ministry
- *Relaunch/refocus with congregational interest survey
Green Team Work

Share the work:

• Successful Green Teams share the workload
• Rotate Co-Chairs
• Find ways to get others in the community involved
  • Partner with other community orgs and support work already being done in your community
• Divide up program responsibility: energy, food, water, advocacy
• Divide up team functions: communication, lead meetings, large events, services, ect
Green Teams have Meetings

Meet regularly:

• Successful Green Teams meet once every 4-6 weeks
• During meetings:
  • Discuss accomplishments and challenges
  • Outline goals
  • Create subcommittees
  • Assess progress
  • Brainstorm future activities
Advanced Activities:

- Publish monthly eco-tips in your newsletters/bulletins
  - “ADV” - Personal reflection – How I’m effected
    - Problem (people focused) – Solution – Joy – Healthy Results
      - Even Better
- Invite an environmental justice speaker to guest preach
- Do a climate/environmental justice book study
- Preach a “green” sermon during Season of Creation (Sept-Oct) or Earth Day (April 22)
- In a rut? - Visioning session with cong survey – refocus – relaunch, ect
Advanced Activities:

• Show an environmental film series
  • ADV – Discussion, actions, what’s next
• Apply for an energy mini-grant
• Have a FIP free energy audit
  • With follow-up: education workshops, retrofit, explore renewables
• Host a summit
  • +ADV – work with partner orgs
• Form Team of Local Houses of Worship – support, larger projects, and celebrate! (IGP, IGN, and...
Activities:

Green Movies at Covenant UCC

Native Plants / Kickapoo Woods / Creation Sunday / CSA
# Our Program Areas

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Engaging the Youth

We empower youth to become environmental leaders in their communities through our Eco-Ambassador Summer Youth Program.
• Energy Audits & Retrofits
• Fossil Fuel Divestment
• Smart Energy Workshop
• Solar Panels
• Waste
Smart Energy Mini Grant!

Energy Education
• Up to $2500.00 to help run programs
• Part of funds can pay volunteers
• Funds released in stages
• Apply how you like
Smart Energy Mini Grant!

- **Centenary UMC in Effingham**
  - 205 educated
  - 2 smart energy programs, 1 EFIP, 3 weekend worship services
  - $2500 awarded to help recycling program

- **Normal First UMC**
  - 400 educated
  - 1 EFIP, 2 smart energy workshops, “mission moment”, weekend worship service, youth event
  - $2500 awarded to help upgrade lighting in fellowship hall

https://www.faithinplace.org/our-programs/smart-energy-education
Nonprofit Green Lending Program
Energy Projects that Qualify!

- Roof with insulation
- Lighting*
- Motion Sensors
- HVAC
- WiFi controlled systems
- Air sealing
- Water Heaters*
- Solar!
What's my pollution impact?

- My footprint?!
- Community?
- Carbon calculator
- coolclimate.berkeley.edu/calculator
The Biggest Sources of Greenhouse Gases

*Energy - Coal & Gas Plants
*Land Transportation
Industrial Agriculture

Oil production
Forest Burning
Fertilizer
Landfills
coolclimate.berkeley.edu/calculator

Start with a quick carbon footprint estimate

Zipcode    City    County    State

Algonquin, Mchenry County, Illinois  60102

How Many people live in your household?

Three
Total Food
16.2 tons CO₂/year

110.6% Worse
than the average household in Algonquin, Illinois 60102 with 3 people and similar income.
FREE Energy-Saving Products!

FREE products may include: ENERGY STAR® certified LEDs, hot water pipe insulation, smart power strips.
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FREE products may include: Faucet aerators, Programmable thermostats, WaterSense® certified showerheads, and discounts on smart thermostats.
• Congregation-Supported Agriculture (CSA)
• Habitat Restoration
• Just Eating curriculum
• Migration & Me
• Native Plant & Vegetable Gardens
• Winter Farmers Markets
• Interfaith Water Curriculum
• Rain Barrels
• Rain Gardens
• Advocacy Day
• Faithful Citizen Workshops
The Buddha's Middle Path
I am only one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.

- Edward Everett Hale
If you can’t fly, then **run**.
If you can’t run, then **walk**.
If you can’t walk, then **crawl**, but by all means, **keep moving**.

- Martin Luther King Jr.
Stay Connected!

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Save the Date

For Fall Advocacy Day October 29
N&W Year End Celebration – Nov 13
Lake County YEC – Nov 18
Chicago YEC – Dec 10
Central IL – Dec 13
Southern IL - TBD

Learn More At
https://www.faithinplace.org/events/fall-advocacy-day-2019
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Get your stamped passport by visiting the exhibit tables to be eligible for fabulous prizes.

You need more than 50% stamps to be eligible and you must attend the plenary to win.
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