

Tennessee Interfaith Power & Light 2017 Annual Report

TIPL Chapters: The Nashville Chapter rapidly matured, and the new Chattanooga Chapter enjoyed solid new growth. With the established Knoxville Chapter, TIPL now has three chapters. The State Steering Committee of TIPL encouraged local chapters to manifest a spiritual response to climate change and climate justice within their own communities.

Advocacy Work: TPL urged TVA to buy a large block of wind power from the Midwest, to reconsider reducing its NEPA requirements, and to expand its lower income weatherization program; urged TN Department of Environment and Conservation to not allow TVA's coal ash poison our water; and urged Congress to support the methane rule, CAFÉ standards, reliability study of national electric grid, and the Recovery of America's Wildlife Act.

Community Education: TIPL developed a series of presentations on the implications of the Paris Climate Agreement, Social Cost of Carbon, and carbon tax revenue policies. We prepared a study guide and work sheets for faith groups and individuals to determine their carbon tithe.

Influencing Leaders: The Knoxville Chapter made individual presentation of *the Implications of the Parish Climate Agreement* to more than 50 Knoxville community leaders. The Nashville Chapter met with representatives of senators Alexander and Corker and Representative Cooper to advocate for responsible climate policies.

Climate Ambassadors: The Knoxville Chapter trained three Climate Ambassadors to begin making their own individual presentations of the *Implications of the Paris Climate Agreement* within their denominations and other influential community leaders.

Carbon Tithes: TIPL accounts for its carbon footprint by setting its own social cost of carbon and donating those funds to efforts that reduce the harms of climate change. TIPL is developing a portfolio of vetted organizations to donate a carbon tithe.

Chapter Events: The Nashville Chapter held its well-attended second annual Creation Care conference in October, a climate vigil with an interfaith service in December, and a booth at the *Love and Unity Under One Sun* Eclipse Festival. Knoxville TIPL held a Creation Care choral concert in February and a Climate Change and Social Equity teach-in in April. Chattanooga held film screenings as organizing events.

Justice and Creation Care Survey: TIPL has developed a Creation Care practices assessment for faith groups. TIPL revised the Jemez Principles for itself. The Steering Committee reviews one of its six principle at each of its meetings.

Met Funding Goal: TIPL achieved its 2017 fundraising goal through a mix of events, direct mail, and major donors.

The Numbers: We now have 38 faith group partners, having added eight in 2017. Our individual membership has risen from 312 to 541. Our volunteer hours have increased from 675 in 2016 to 1,069 in 2017.

2017 TIPL Volunteers (10+ Hours)

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Heather Bennett
Roberta Boone
Jo Lynn Cunningham
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Betsy Garber
Louise Gorenflo
Lisa Gwock
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Betty Krogman
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Dale Lature
Matthew Lewis
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Kay Reynolds

Anita Schmid
Courtney Shea
Paul Slentz
Sandra Smith
Lissa Smith
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Wayne Thomas
Steve Vining
Ron Webster
Cindy Whitt
John Williamson
Denise Yeargin

2017 TIPL Contributors

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