

**What are your primary goals for 2019 that you intend to help fund with this grant and why are they strategic for your IPL at this time?**

- **Help the Chattanooga Chapter get on solid footing:** The Chattanooga chapter is the newest and least established. It is strategically significant for the work of IPL for a number of reasons, including:
    - One of the two primary headquarters for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is located there (the other is in Knoxville). As noted above, TVA is the largest publicly-owned/federal utility in the nation. Decisions its staff and board make about energy production sources will have a large impact on efforts to move the country toward a clean energy society.
    - Chattanooga has a pro-environment mayor, Andy Berke. This provides a unique opportunity to push for significant action at the local level. TIPL-Chattanooga can take the lead in coordinating the faith community's coalition work with other environmental organizations to take advantage of this opportunity. Increase pressure on TVA from the Faith Community: TVA is the sole provider of electricity in Tennessee. Statewide, we will continue to work with coalition partners in the broader environmental movement to push TVA to speed up the closing of coal powered plants and to rapidly expand its clean energy portfolio. We will also push TVA to expand weatherization and energy efficiency programs for low-income households. We have a strong chapter in Knoxville and a growing one in Chattanooga, the two cities where TVA splits its headquarters. This provides a good foundation for increasing faith community engagement with TVA.
  - **Provide leadership for climate action in Nashville toward the goal of achieving 100% renewable energy production and consumption:** Dan's physical location in Nashville and long history of organizing here provides some additional opportunities for TIPL.
    - A TIPL-Nashville goal for 2019 is to provide leadership in pressing for specific concrete climate action from our mayor and city council. Strategies in the works include:
      - Holding a townhall meeting with representatives from the mayor's office and hopefully with Mayor David Briley himself in the spring. Mayor Briley has publicly stated in several high-profile settings that climate change is real, is a threat to Nashville, and must be addressed through concrete action. Yet,
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so far, steps under his tenure, which began in the spring, have been pretty minimal. Dan is already leading the planning for that townhall and is scheduled to meet with Mayor Briley in mid-December to discuss it further. “Asks” identified at this point in planning include:

- Commitment to a 100% Renewable Portfolio Standard with clear steps for how to get there.
- Work to help make the recently constructed 2-Megawatt Music City Community Solar project (a joint project of Nashville Metro government; Nashville Electric Service; and TVA) a success so more community solar is built. We will commit to actively promoting the “Solar Angels” component which provides an avenue for individuals and groups to lease panels that would benefit low-income households.
- Expand weatherization and energy efficiency programs for low-income households.
- Holding a Climate University workshop that will train “Climate Ambassadors” to make presentations on climate to their own houses of worship, other groups, and public officials. This model was used in Knoxville this past year.
- Hold a highly visible Interfaith Climate Vigil, which will involve a public witness and an interfaith worship service.

**Form a Memphis Chapter of TIPL: At this time, no TIPL chapters exist west of Nashville which is in the middle of the state.** It is important for our effectiveness that a chapter be formed in the large city of Memphis.

**Meet with the Knoxville Chapter and Green Interfaith Network Inc. (GINI)** Dan will also meet with the Knoxville Chapter and GINI to provide whatever assistance they would find helpful.

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