

R2012-03: Endorse the Energy Stewards and Energy Audit Programs of Ohio Interfaith Power and Light

Resolved, that the 138th Diocesan Convention reaffirms the 133rd Convention's endorsement of the formation of Ohio Interfaith Power and Light (OhIPL) and that each congregation in the diocese be encouraged to respond to climate change through faith-based stewardship of creation by promoting energy conservation and energy efficiency; *and be it further*

Resolved, that the 138th Convention concurs with the pastoral teaching on the environment issued in September 2011 by the House of Bishops that urges every Episcopalian to take steps in our individual lives, and in community, to practice environmental stewardship and justice, including a commitment to energy conservation; *and be it further*

Resolved, that the 138th Convention endorses the Energy Stewards and Energy Audit programs of the Ohio Interfaith Power and Light that have the potential to improve energy conservation, energy efficiency and lower energy costs in houses of worship and in diocesan facilities; *and be it further*

Resolved, that the Diocese of Southern Ohio encourages congregations and diocesan facilities to make plans to reduce energy use from 2011 baseline levels by 15% by the end of 2015, and communicate through diocesan media the elements of these programs that will help to achieve this goal.