



# green light

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## Enlighten Me!

Dear GIPL Friends,

## Let Us Help!

Happy New Year (and New Decade)! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready to dive into this fresh new beginning.

Feeling overwhelmed with your teaching or preaching schedule? If so, let one of GIPL's qualified teachers, preachers and professors teach that class or preach that sermon. We would love to help! For more info, email us at [info@gipl.org](mailto:info@gipl.org).

It's official! Alexis has been hired as our new Executive Director. We are so excited for Alexis and for GIPL as we move into the future with a wonderful leader at our helm.

We are excited to announce that GIPL has been awarded a \$400,000 grant to educate a statewide network of faith communities on energy efficient practices, including energy efficient goods and services, and to conduct energy efficiency retrofits of facilities. This will allow us to expand our current Power Wise program. Check out the [Power Wise](#) section of our website for more information and to sign up.

We have some great new educational offerings!

Earth Day is coming up. The National Council of Churches has put together some great resources.

1. Advocating for creation class.

2. Curriculum that coincides with the new PBS documentary, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*.

Email us at [info@gipl.org](mailto:info@gipl.org) for more info.



*Sacred Spaces and an Abundant Life* empowers congregations to take actions within their Church buildings to conserve energy, reduce toxic materials and products, and conserve water and land. It includes worship resources and study guides to help your congregation reflect on God's call to care for Creation.

[Click here](#) to download a copy from the web. [Click here](#) to request a free hard copy.

## Upcoming Events

Keep reading for more great information.



EARTH HOUR

ATLANTA

March 27, 2010  
8:30 pm - 9:30 pm

## Events Page

There are lots of great events on our events page. Click on the calendar to check them out!



## Donate Now

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## The GIPPYs!

We just celebrated the 2009 Georgia Interfaith Power & Light Awards, The GIPPYs! This year's recipients were:

The **Light Award** - All Saints' Episcopal Church



The **Power Award** - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



The **Trailblazer Award** - Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter



**Ministry of the Year Award** - Ebenezer Baptist SOLO Ministry



Congratulations to all our winners! Maybe next year, it will be you.

## Sun Shines on Local Congregations

With a loan from the GIPL Solar Loan Fund, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Decatur and Druid Hills United Methodist Church on Ponce de Leon Avenue in Atlanta are both installing solar panels!



The beginning of Holy Trinity's 4.7 kW array



Rev. Rex Kaney braving the Druid Hills UMC Roof to check out their 2.35 kW array!

## Partnering with Georgia Power for Green Energy

GIPL has partnered with Georgia Power to help promote renewable energy and to make it easy for our members to enroll in the Green Energy Program!

Now it's easier than ever to support environmentally friendly energy generation from sources like the sun, wind, water, and biomass. Just sign up for Georgia Power's Green Energy program and help bring more renewable power to Georgia.

Georgia Power's Green Energy is certified Green-e Energy® by the Center for Resource Solutions.

By participating in Georgia Power's Green Energy program, you continue to get the reliable energy you need while doing something positive about the environment. Your Green Energy choice will:

- Potentially reduce the environmental impact of energy production
- Conserve our natural resources
- Support domestic energy self-reliance

Each block purchased brings more Green Energy into our state. As demand for renewable energy increases, the higher expense of green energy generation may be offset by improved technology and production efficiency. Customers who participate in the program cannot be guaranteed that they will receive the actual kilowatts produced by a green energy generation method, but you can rest assured the green energy you are supporting is being produced and delivered to Georgia Power customers.

For more information about our partnership visit our [website](#).

To enroll, make sure you have your Georgia Power account number, and click [here](#). You will need the promo code, GreenEnergy1. Please let us know if you have any questions, or have trouble enrolling.

Sincerely,



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