



Water Wise

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") made as of this day of (the "Execution Date"),

BETWEEN:

Georgia Interfaith Power & Light (GIPL) 701 S. Columbia Dr., Campus Box 326, Decatur, GA 30030 and (congregation name and address) _____

Contact person – please identify one contact person who will serve as principal liaison for the Water Wise program: (name & email) _____

BACKGROUND:

- A. GIPL was founded in 2003 and incorporated in 2009 as a Georgia non-profit organization that engages communities of faith in stewardship of creation. GIPL offers Water Wise, a program to help congregations and their members reduce their use of water and incorporate environmental stewardship into the entire life of their congregation. GIPL and the congregation wish to enter into a relationship of mutual support.

- B. _____ wishes to enter into this relationship with GIPL in order to reduce its use of water and incorporate environmental stewardship into the life of its congregation. To achieve this purpose, this congregation and GIPL wish to enter into a relationship of mutual support.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE PARTIES

GIPL will enter a cooperative relationship with _____ with the following understandings:

- A. GIPL will offer a professional energy assessment for a fee of \$75-\$125 depending on the congregation's operating budget, although this fee may be waived under special circumstances. Please check the fee at the bottom of this document, based on the congregation's budget.

- B. For those congregations most in need of it, GIPL will offer the free services of a project manager to help congregations determine how to make water conservation improvements in

the most expeditious and cost-effective way.

- C. GIPL will come to a public meeting at the congregation and report the general findings of the water audit and/or discuss other available resources and programs.
- D. GIPL may share the congregation's water performance ranking/recommended water efficiency measures with other congregations in the program.
- E. GIPL will post on its website the congregation's name, audit date, the solutions implemented, and a brief summary of the experience of the congregation. This helps promote the Water Wise Program to others and furthers our goals of caring for Creation.

_____ will enter into this agreement and provide the following:

- A. The Congregation will pay a small administrative fee as discussed in A. above.
- B. The Congregation will provide relevant facility information about square footage, congregation size, building use, water usage as outlined in the Background Sheet provided by the GIPL Program Coordinator. In addition, a minimum of 13 months of the most recent water usage is needed to assist the auditor in their pre-assessment preparations. **Scanned bill images emailed to ayesha@gipl.org are preferred.**
- C. The Congregation will make its buildings and appropriate personnel available to GIPL and partners during the actual on-site assessment (about 2 hours). Appropriate personnel should be familiar with the history of the congregation and buildings in addition to having keys to access all areas.
- D. The Congregation will submit building blueprints or a floor plan, if available, for the auditor prior to the site visit. This should be submitted along with this MOU and the Background Sheet to GIPL's Program Coordinator.
- E. The Congregation will enter good faith discussions about ways to make recommended improvements within the constraints of available funds and time so that water efficiencies can be realized in a reasonable time.
- F. GIPL has also developed a number of educational classes and workshops and practical climate solution programs related to the 20 high impact solutions from Drawdown Georgia. Congregations are encouraged to explore additional programs that will help them reduce their carbon footprint and enhance environmental stewardship on site.

_____ will also allow GIPL to utilize applicable utility data for ongoing advocacy initiatives and efforts to influence energy and water policy. (Please check one of the following).

- Permission to use utility data for ongoing advocacy initiatives **AND** permission to publicly use the congregation's name associated with this data in all relevant GIPL efforts.
- Permission to use utility data anonymously in all relevant GIPL efforts.

Signed: _____ Head of Staff/Clergy of the Church

The payment can be made by a check payable to Georgia Interfaith Power & Light at the address above. Failure to make timely payments will necessitate a review of GIPL's relationship with the Congregation and could adversely affect future collaborations. Either party can terminate this agreement without cause at any time.

Signed: _____

Hannah Shultz, Program Director, Georgia Interfaith Power and Light

Signed: _____

Member of Congregational Lay leadership of the Congregation

Signed: _____

Head of Staff/Clergy of the Church

Non-Binding - This MOU is entered into in good faith by each of the parties and so does not create a binding enforceable agreement between the Parties.

Please check the following box below to determine the cost of your audit: (If this fee is cost prohibitive, please speak with our Program Director, Hannah Shultz, hannah@gipl.org about discounted audit options.)

- \$75: Congregational Budget is \$0 - \$250,000
- \$100: Congregational Budget is \$250,000 - \$750,000
- \$125: Congregational Budget is >\$750,000

Please submit this document and utility information to:

Ayesha Abid, Program Coordinator, 404-377-5552, ayesha@gipl.org