



Dear Faith Leader,

Thank you for joining Faith Climate Action Week (FCAW) 2026! We are excited to support your efforts around Earth Day to care for our shared home. Faith Climate Action Week is California Interfaith Power & Light's (CIPL) annual statewide initiative to inspire climate action, taking place from April 17-26, 2026.

Through FCAW, thousands of people across California have been empowered to engage their communities in meaningful climate solutions. We deeply appreciate your leadership in advancing this crucial work. The enclosed materials can help you inspire and educate your faith community to take action for climate justice.

Our theme this year, **Powered by Nature** invites faith communities to reimagine power itself.

In a time when fossil fuel energy systems drive climate disruption, economic inequality, and environmental injustice, this theme calls us back to the original source of all energy: the natural world. The sun that warms us. The wind that moves unseen, yet reshapes landscapes. The waters that carve canyons and sustain life. The soil that transforms decay into nourishment. Long before fossil fuels and utility monopolies, life on this planet was powered by renewable, regenerative systems.

To be **Powered by Nature** is both practical and spiritual.

The power of nature is practical because the transition to renewable energy is essential for a livable future. Faith communities are uniquely positioned to advocate for clean energy, energy democracy, and policies that prioritize people and planet over profit. Solar panels on sanctuaries, electrified buildings, and public power campaigns are not just technical upgrades; they are moral commitments.

The power of nature is spiritual because nature is not merely a resource. Across traditions, Earth is understood as creation, sacred web, interdependent system, divine revelation, or beloved community. The science of evolution and ecology reveals a profound interconnection that demands humility and care. Science itself becomes a kind of scripture, testifying to our shared interconnections.

This theme also acknowledges the complexity of the word “nature.” Humans are not separate from nature. Everything we build, even our technologies, arise from Earth’s elements. To be powered by nature is not to romanticize a distant wilderness, it is to recognize that our cities, our bodies, our economies, and our faith communities are embedded in ecological systems. The question is not whether we are powered by nature - we always have been. The question is whether our energy systems align with nature’s regenerative patterns or defy them.

**This Powered by Nature** kit provides guidance to congregations for the following:

- Tree Planting
- Book Studies
- Movie Recommendations with Discussion Questions
- Educational Activities for Children and Youth Groups
- Interfaith Prayers, Songs, and Poems
- Inspiration for Reflections, Sermons, Homilies from different traditions
- Advocacy Postcards supporting the “Balcony Solar” bill in the legislature
- Earth Day Interfaith Prayer Lunchtime Zoom

This Faith Climate Action Week, we ask:

What would it mean for our congregation to be fully powered by the same forces that power forests, oceans, and stars?

What would it mean to align our theology, our politics, and our infrastructure with the living systems that sustain us?

To be **Powered by Nature** is to move from extraction to regeneration. From domination to partnership. From fossil-fueled despair to renewable hope.

Please contact one of us if you have any questions or if we can help you in any way!

In faith,

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