



## Zero Waste Program

### 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 Zero Waste 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 Zero Waste, a program to help congregations and their members reduce the amount of waste they generate and incorporate Creation Care 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 the amount of waste generated and incorporate Creation Care 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 waste audit guide for a fee of \$100 or \$250 depending on the amount of support requested by the congregation, although this fee may be waived under special circumstances. Please check the two options for participating in the Zero Waste program below.
  
- B. GIPL will come to a public meeting at the congregation and report the general findings of the waste audit and/or discuss other available resources and programs.
  
- C. GIPL may share the congregation's waste audit results/recommended waste reduction measures with other congregations in the program and with Drawdown Georgia.
  
- D. 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 Zero Waste 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. Congregations who select to participate in the GIPL-guided audit will provide relevant facility information about congregation size, building use, and waste practices as outlined in the Background Sheet provided by the GIPL Program Coordinator. **Scanned bill images emailed to hannah@gipl.org are preferred.**
- C. Congregations who select to participate in the GIPL-guided audit 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. Congregations who select to participate in the GIPL-guided audit will submit building blueprints or a floor plan, if available, for GIPL staff prior to the site visit. This should be submitted along with this MOU and the Background Sheet to GIPL's Program Coordinator.
- E. Congregations who select to complete the waste audit themselves will submit the "reporting form" in the waste audit guide within 3 months of completing the audit.
- F. The Congregation will enter good faith discussions about ways to make recommended improvements within the constraints of available funds and time so that waste reduction can be realized in a reasonable time.
- G. 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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Codi Norred, Executive 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 Coordinator about waiving the fee.

- Self-guided audit (Waste Audit Guide included) \$100
  
- GIPL-guided audit (Waste Audit Guide, GIPL staff support conducting the audit, class/workshop/film screening included) \$250

**Please submit this document and background information to:  
Hannah Shultz, Program Coordinator, 404-377-5552, hannah@gipl.org**