



## **Sustainability Internship Program**

Ohio Interfaith Power and Light (OhIPL) offers a unique internship opportunity for students studying Environmental Sciences, Environmental Economics, Policy and more. Host faith communities who would like to green their faith community with the aid of these talented students can be a part of this internship program.

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Students help a faith community in the areas of: 1) Energy efficiency / Facilities / Property Management, 2) Community Gardens / Local Foods, 3) Sustainable activities, focused on topics such as waste, water, toxins, and transportation.

Additional program areas are possible including renewable energy, community development, education and outreach, international development and environmental justice.

### **Intern responsibilities include:**

- Helping the host congregation/organization plan, prioritize, or implement sustainability initiatives and programs in their community;
- Researching sustainability options and resources for host community;
- Helping develop sustainability communications for the host community;
- Assisting in all aspects as needed of ongoing and new sustainability programs of host community;
- Developing a one-page community profile of the host community that will be posted on the Ohio Interfaith Power and Light website.

### **What is required of the host community?**

- Have someone available as a mentor/supervisor for the intern, to connect him or her to the work of the congregation (this could be a clergy or staff member, a lay leader, green team leader, etc.).
- Communicate with intern throughout internship period to assure clear expectations. Set up a schedule with the intern to meet and plan and to accommodate required hours.
- Complete a Green Plan with the intern at the beginning of the program, noting your mutual goals and timelines.
- Complete an end-of-internship evaluation for the intern.
- Be willing to match a stipend seed grant to at least cover basic commute/transportation expenses for intern.
- Please join the OhIPL Energy Stewards program to benchmark your facility energy use and track the reduction in carbon emissions.

**Contact Ohio Interfaith Power and Light with a letter of interest in the internship program at: Martha Hunter, [mhunter@ohipl.org](mailto:mhunter@ohipl.org)**