



# Building an Inclusive Watershed

*A View from the Street*



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# DeIPL Background

Mission: Provide a Religious Response to Causes and Effects of Climate Change

Nationally; 40 State Affiliates, 14,000 Congregations

Delaware: 32 Member Congregations

## Actions:

- Advocacy; State, National
- Education; Policy, Ops
- Climate Justice

## Guiding Principles:

- Poorest 1st & worst; did not cause it/powerless
- Lean & Green





# First Line History



## In the Community:

- Since 2013, working with local faith communities
  - Lowering Energy Usage
  - Setting up Green Teams
  - Holding local training
- Attend neighborhood meetings,
- Assist with resource access
- Initiating community wide projects,



## In the State:

- Advocate for L-I with agencies & legislature



# Relationships



Motivation: “Helping, fixing, and serving represent three different ways of seeing life. When you help, you see life as weak. When you fix, you see life as broken. When you serve, you see life as whole.”

## Don't:

- Engage in Flash Diversity
- Don't Assume

## Do:

- Show Up (Early & Often), Take Action
- Join or Create Relevant Partnerships
- Ensure a place at the table for community leaders

