



FILM SCREENING TOOLKIT



Interfaith Power & Light
Putting Faith Into **Action** for a Safe Climate

Share the exciting news of the transition to clean energy with your congregation with a series of three short films called **Current Revolution**, this year's featured film of IPL's Faith Climate Action Week in April.

Thanks to The American Resilience Project for this opportunity.

This toolkit contains:

- IPL Welcome Letter
- Film overview and screening tips and best practices
- Sample promotional guide
- Faith-focused and general discussion questions to spark meaningful conversations
- IPL Audience Sign-in Sheet: If you are doing an in-person COVID-safe event, please pass it around at your screening and mail back to IPL, 672 13th St., Ste. 100, Oakland, CA 94612. Or take a photo of the sign in sheet and email to Sarah at programs@interfaithpowerandlight.org By signing, audience members can join the nationwide movement and receive faith-based resources for caring for the Earth

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for screening the Current Revolution film series of three short films for your group.

These films show the possibility of a just transition to a clean energy economy where the well-being of workers and frontline community members is valued, instead of neglected. Justice - for workers transitioning, and for the communities most impacted by the pollution of our fossil fuel economy - is a core value of Interfaith Power & Light. We are inspired to safeguard a healthy climate and a just clean energy economy so that future generations may thrive on our Sacred Earth.

Current Revolution film series is the featured film of Interfaith Power & Light's Faith Climate Action Week, April 14-23, 2023. These films expand on this year's Faith Climate Action Week theme: Living the Golden Rule: Just Transition to a Clean Energy Economy. The theme examines our responsibility to transition to energy sources that are sustainable and healthy for our communities and Creation.

[View the trailer and register to host a group screening here during April 14-23, 2023.](#)

As the host of your event, consider hosting a post film discussion of the film using the discussion questions in this guide. IPL invites you to invite your group to attend IPL's webinar during Faith Climate Action Week with the filmmaker, (Date TBD), and we encourage you to host a conversation also.

Also consider suggesting a collective action you can do as a congregation or group of congregations.

Download the organizer's kit for Faith Climate Action Week for ideas on how to engage your congregation in local climate action for a just transition to a clean energy economy.

[Download the Faith Climate Action Week organizer's kit here.](#)

This film is enabled for close-captions and Spanish subtitles.

Thank you for working together to safeguard a just and equitable future for all people in our communities,

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ABOUT THE FILM

LOGLINE

The Current Revolution film series shows the possibility of a just transition to a clean energy economy where the well-being of workers and frontline community members is valued.

SYNOPSIS

Current Revolution, a series of short films from the American Resilience Project, explores the transition from fossil fuels to renewables with a focus on national security, economic prosperity, and environmental justice. These films show how the nation can embrace smart policies and investments that support grid modernization through distributed renewable energy generation, and ensure that the transition is just and sustainable. The short films are a perfect length for planning discussion. [View trailer](#)

The Transformation Cannot Be Stopped, episode 1, 37 minutes long, tackles the challenge of how the utility, auto, tech, and defense industries can help modernize the aging power grid to make it more secure and responsive to the needs of its users while enhancing environmental performance. [View trailer](#)

Nation in Transition, episode 2, 29 minutes long, explores the coal-to-renewables transition on the Navajo Nation and across northern Arizona through the stories of workers, their families and communities, business and tribal leaders, utility executives, policy makers and environmental activists. The film offers a roadmap for accelerating and navigating just energy transitions for workers and communities everywhere. [View Trailer](#)

Workforce Rising, episode 3, 6 minutes long, The rapid advancement of electric vehicles is disrupting numerous industries and workforces, and the lack of charging infrastructure and grid capacity is lagging behind advances in automotive technology. The already-passed Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill provides the greatest opportunity to accelerate the transition, as long as the money is spent quickly and wisely.

Total running time of all 3 films is 72 minutes long.

VIEWING AND SCREENING - TIPS AND BEST PRACTICES

HOW TO SCREEN FOR YOUR CONGREGATION

If you are not hosting a group event, individuals can still sign up to view the films from home. As the organizer of your screening, preview the films at home yourself to get excited about showing it to your congregation!

[Sign up to view at home.](#)

If you are hosting a group event, you may purchase a DVD to be shown at any time that includes the screening rights (valued at \$90) from IPL for \$25 plus shipping.

[Purchase a DVD here.](#)

OR

You may register to stream the film from your computer during Faith Climate Action Week for your congregation. You can project the streaming, or show it over Zoom. The short length of the films allow for ample time on a Zoom session to discuss the film. You could host two Zoom sessions, one for each 30 minute film, and show the inspiring 5 minute film at your second Zoom session to end on an uplifting note. See the tips for your group event on Zoom below.

You may request a downloadable version of the film for your screening from Sarah at programs@interfaithpowerandlight.org

OR - Host a “watch party” on Zoom. Invite attendees to get on your Zoom call for an introduction to the film by you, then invite them to keep the Zoom open, and go watch the film on their own computer, then return to your Zoom call for a post-viewing discussion.

To use the film with your congregation in any of these ways - you must register with IPL to abide by the legal rights of the filmmaker. The filmmaker has generously given IPL congregations free screening rights valued at \$90 to screen this film during Faith Climate Action Week, April 14-23, 2023. Registration starts March 9, 2023.

[Register with IPL here.](#)

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Screening restrictions:

IPL congregations may screen it in an educational setting such as a college campus, campus ministry, high school or seminary – as long as these educational institutions purchase a screening license through ARP. [Purchase it here.](#)

IPL congregations may screen it at a theater, as long as they collect donations and mail to: American Resilience Project, Inc., 14 Park St., Florence, MA 01062

IPL congregations may screen it at a library or community center for free as long as they do not charge for admission. For a library permission letter for screening at a library contact Roger Sorkin, roger@amresproject.org

Contact Sarah at programs@interfaithpowerandlight.org with questions.

Group Screening on Zoom

Hosting a virtual screening event will require Zoom, Zoom Webinar, Google Meets, or a web conference software of your choice in order to screen-share the film.

Set up a registration to collect names and emails of your viewers, then send them an email with the link to access your online event a day or two in advance of your event. This film requires that you DO NOT share the zoom link to your online event publicly, (ex. through newsletters or social media,) only through your registration.

Many of these online platforms such as Zoom have been adapted for audio visual events just like this. **We strongly recommend you test this out before your event, to ensure you are comfortable with the technology and that your internet is fast enough.** Be sure to optimize your screen share settings for the best audio/video experience. For example:

For Zoom / Zoom Webinar:

1. Click Screen Share in the bottom toolbar.
2. Select the Desktop window you would like to share, which will be the browser window that has the film.
3. Be sure to check Optimize for Video Clip. This should automatically check Share Sound as well, but if not, do so.
4. When the film is done, click Stop Share.
5. You will then be visible again on your Zoom/Zoom Webinar, to host your post-screening conversation or give your call to action.

Consider sharing your list of audience emails with IPL (ask members to opt in before sharing with us) so that they can keep abreast of future offerings from IPL.

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In-Person Group Screening

Please follow COVID-19 safety guidelines in your area. Consider an outdoor screening. Be sure to arrange for a good sound system. This is also a great way to enjoy a film about the planet in nature itself.

1. Prior to the screening, set up your tech - make sure the streaming link is ready to go and queued up from the beginning of the film.
2. Introduce your screening. If there is a Q&A or workshop afterwards, be sure to announce this so people know to stick around.
3. Hit play!
4. Pass around the IPL sign up sheet to collect names and emails, mail to IPL at the address on the sheet, or take a photo of the sheet and email to programs@interfaithpowerandlight.org. Sign up sheet is the final page of this kit.

Post-Screening Discussion

We encourage you to identify someone with formal or informal facilitation experience to moderate the post-screening discussion. That person can be you! The facilitator should be ready to manage time effectively and support people to voice their reactions to the film. You can use some of the sample discussion questions in this guide to help guide the conversation with panelists or audience members.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Download a pdf of the questions here: <https://bit.ly/CurrentRevolutionDiscussion>

1. What does your religion or faith or your own ethical beliefs say about responsibility towards workers and frontline community members who are at risk of being left behind in the transition to a clean energy economy?
2. For instance, what does it mean to live the golden rule - treating others the way you would like to be treated - in regards to the transition to a clean energy economy?
3. Who needs to be at the table when addressing the problems and opportunities associated with the decline of fossil fuels and the rise of renewables?
4. Who has historically been left out of these conversations?
5. How can different people and communities be brought to the table?
6. Do you think we, as a society, have an obligation to ameliorate inequities in our energy system? Why or why not?

7. Should we establish policies to promote clean energy even if it means fewer jobs in the fossil fuel industry? Why or why not?
8. In the best world, what could these policies look like?
9. In the best world, how can we make this transition without leaving those currently in the fossil fuel industry behind?
10. In what ways can clean energy policies also promote social and environmental justice for frontline communities who bear the brunt of pollution from fossil fuels in the transition away from fossil fuels?
11. Who gets left behind in this transition? How can policy assist these groups?
12. What are some of the obstacles to promoting a just energy transition in the US?
Discussion suggestions: pre-existing policy barriers, social norms, behavioral patterns, lifestyle changes, political division and entrenchment, etc...
13. What can individuals do to help advance a just transition?
14. Do you think it's possible for the individual to have impact?
15. What can a congregation or group do to help advance a just transition?
16. Do you think it's possible for a congregation or group to have an impact?
17. Is there any evidence of progress or reasons for hope that America will successfully transition to clean energy and address the pollution and social inequities inherent in the current energy system?

PROMOTIONAL GUIDE

Click here to access the folder with images for your promotions:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1dS4LDEKpQX6Eu4p49E3yBuQN4GE--fuv?usp=sharing>

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/gc6IKf2-KpU>

Below, please find sample language and resources to promote your screening event through your newsletter, social media, or any other communication tool you use. **Ask other congregants to help spread the word too!**

Extend an invitation to your screening, or partner with, a neighboring congregation.

Sample short messages for social media, bulletin inserts, newsletters, websites:

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well-being of workers and frontline community members is valued. Register to get a link to this Zoom event here. [LINK](#)

Join us for a free screening of the film series, Current Revolution on DATE, TIME, LOCATION. These films show the possibility of a just transition to a clean energy economy where the well-being of workers and frontline community members is valued. RSVP to this in-person event here. [LINK](#)

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Hear the exciting news about the transition to a clean energy economy at the virtual screening of the film series, Current Revolution. Join the faithful discussion about ensuring this is a just transition that values the well-being of workers and frontline community members. DATE, TIME. Register to get a link to this Zoom event here. [LINK](#)

Hear the exciting news about the transition to a clean energy economy at the screening of the film series, Current Revolution. Join the faithful discussion about ensuring this is a just transition that values the well-being of workers and frontline community members. DATE, TIME, LOCATION

Sample longer message for newsletters, websites:

Celebrate Earth Week with us by attending a screening and discussion of Current Revolution DATE, TIME, LOCATION. After the film we'll host a discussion about the role people of faith can play in the just transition to a clean energy economy where the well-being of workers and frontline communities is valued.

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