

## Renewable Role Model Entry 2023

**(NOTE: This is not the actual application form. This document is a preview of the application questions)**

Gather all of your application materials before filling out the application. You cannot save an uncompleted application in this form. Write your narrative answers in a word doc and then copy and paste into this application. Collect any attachments before starting the application. You must fill it out and submit it in one session. It cannot be saved to finish later.

Please attach up to three photographs below. You may also attach a .pdf, or link us to a webpage related to your entry.

You may enter once per category, with a limit of no more than three entries per congregation. IF your congregation took other energy saving measures besides solar, consider applying for Energy Saver in addition to Renewable Role Model. (If you do, emphasize those other measures in that entry)

You are invited to provide the "before" and "after" gas and electric information (questions 2-5). This is not required for the Challenge, but it will help us determine if you qualify for another honor - Cool Congregations Certification!

Download the Entry Guide for assistance in completing your entry.

Deadline for entry December 15 at 12 midnight where you are.  
Winners will be announced by the end of February.

Questions can be directed to Interfaith Power & Light.

Thank you for applying for the Challenge!

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How did you find out about the Challenge?

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Do you have permission to enter your congregation in the Cool Congregations Challenge? \*  
Yes/No

Full name of congregation: \* \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Congregation \* \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State / Province / Region \_\_\_\_\_

Postal / Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

County of your congregation \* \_\_\_\_\_

Setting \*: Urban/ Rural/ Suburban

Is your congregation predominantly (50% or more) BIPOC? (BIPOC includes Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latinx, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander): Yes/No

If your congregation is predominantly (50%) BIPOC, please select the predominant group

Asian

Black/African American

Hawaiian or Latinx

American Indian or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Is there another way you'd like to describe the racial make-up of your congregation? \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated number of members of your congregation \* \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \* \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Name \*(First, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Email \* \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Phone Number \* \_\_\_\_\_

Project start date (estimates OK) \* \_\_\_\_\_

Project end date \* \_\_\_\_\_

1. Title of your entry \*
2. Baseline usage of electricity from the grid/utility, expressed in kWh per year. Provide an annual figure. (Baseline year refers to BEFORE improvements) Enter numbers only.
3. Grid/Utility Electrical usage AFTER improvements, expressed in kWh per year. Provide an annual figure. Enter numbers only.
4. Baseline fuel usage, expressed in therms (gas, oil, coal). Provide an annual figure. (Baseline year refers to BEFORE improvements) Enter numbers only.
5. Fuel usage AFTER improvements, expressed in therms. Provide an annual figure. Enter numbers only.
6. Estimated % reduction of your congregation's total energy use (gas and electric) per year for this project. (ex., 20%). Enter numbers only.
7. Estimated carbon emissions reduced reported in tons of CO2 or CO2e per year as a result of this project. Enter numbers only.
8. Estimated or actual operational cost savings per year as a result of project. (lower utility bills, maintenance bills) Enter numbers only.
9. Surplus electricity generated by renewable energy project, (such as solar or wind) going back to the grid that your congregation will not use over the course of a year. Report in kWh per year. Enter numbers only.
10. Estimated water savings in gallons per year for this project. Enter numbers only.
11. Describe the challenge that your congregation faced. (250 words or less) \*
12. Explain how challenge was met (250 words or less) \*
13. Describe the final result (250 words or less), and if appropriate, the type of involvement from congregants or community. \*
14. Explain what inspired your congregation to do this project, and what about this project others will find inspiring? (100 words or less). \*

Attach up to three photos of your project. Acceptable formats include .jpg, .png, .gif, xls, xlsx, .pdf, .doc. \*

Please attach at least one photo of your project before or after, your team, your volunteers. You can attach up the three photos, or one photo plus other supporting documents.

Add your web address if desired. Thank you for completing this form.