South Georgia Organizer
July 12, 2023

Organization: Georgia Interfaith Power and Light is a state affiliate of National Interfaith Power and Light. GIPL inspires and equips communities of faith in the stewardship of Creation as a direct expression of our faithfulness and as a religious response to global climate change, resource depletion, environmental injustice, pollution, and other disruptions in Creation.

Responsibilities: Under the supervision of the Executive Director, the South Georgia Organizer will work to build GIPL’s constituency and maintain relationships with congregations in South Georgia, specifically in the cities of Adel, Albany, Tifton, Douglas, and Waycross, and to organize local communities around the environmental injustices caused by the expanding biomass industry.

Specifically, the South Georgia Organizer will have the following core goals:

1. Develop and maintain a robust network of South Georgia congregations and support their efforts to engage in faithful environmental action
2. Build relationships with faith leaders and congregations through one-on-one conversations, and supporting Green Teams across South Georgia
3. Build power through grassroots organizing to bring attention to the environmental injustices of the biomass industry through community presentations
4. Build a network of local activists to prevent the further expansion of the biomass industry and seek local, state, and federal policy solutions that protect impacted communities across GA.

Generally, the South Georgia/Environmental Justice Organizer will have the following additional responsibilities:

- Establish and maintain relationships with denominational structures representing South Georgia congregations
- Represent GIPL to the public in ways that encourage people of faith to engage in sustainability and environmental justice initiatives within the community
- Support and promote existing environmental education workshops while also developing educational curriculum and events specific to the needs of congregations in South Georgia
- Develop education materials on the issue of biomass and help inform GIPL’s overall energy policy strategy as it relates to biomass
- Teach, preach, and speak in regional faith communities, clergy gatherings, and interfaith groups about environmental justice, climate change, conservation, and the need to utilize renewable energy sources and sustainable practices
● Develop and maintain relationships with local, state, and federal elected officials and other stakeholder across Georgia’s coastal communities in conjunction with other GIPL staff members
● Contribute to GIPL’s online presence through content development in the form of videos, interviews, blog posts, and related content creation.
● Participate in all-team staff meetings in the Atlanta office once each quarter.

Qualifications:
● 2-3 years of non-profit, resilience, disaster preparedness, and/or congregational leadership experience
● Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree preferred
● Proficiency in working and organizing with and within faith communities required
● Theological training/Master’s degree preferred
● Proven self-starter and detail-oriented
● **Passion and excitement** for working on environmental issues, particularly the issues of climate change, environmental justice, clean energy, and conservation
● Proven communication abilities, excellent writing abilities, and skills in public speaking
● Ability to move between several different programs simultaneously
● Experience in community organizing, grassroots mobilization and/or public policy
● Ability to effectively navigate basic computer skills and learn database management
● Valid US Driver’s License and reliable vehicle
● Ideally someone who is a resident of a community affected by the biomass industry, including Adel, Albany, Tifton, Douglas, and Waycross, or another nearby community.

**Salary and Benefits**

This is a full-time position requiring work some evenings and weekends for event support. Regular travel, especially throughout South Georgia, is expected. Salary for this position ranges between $53,000 - $58,000 per year based on experience. This position includes vacation, holiday, and sick leave pay. GIPL also offers competitive benefits package, including insurance, retirement, and cell phone/internet reimbursements.

Georgia Interfaith Power and Light values a diverse workforce and an inclusive culture. People who identify as BIPOC and/or members of the LGBTQ+ community are encouraged to apply.

Submit resumes and cover letters electronically to:

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