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Our Solar Success Stories









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- A faith response to climate change
- Indiana state chapter of nationwide org Interfaith Power and Light
- Truly interfaith, with members of all religions



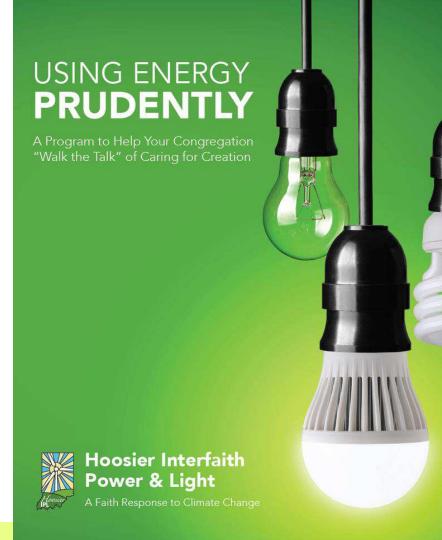
## Coal Use by State - 2012 (Thousand Short Tons)

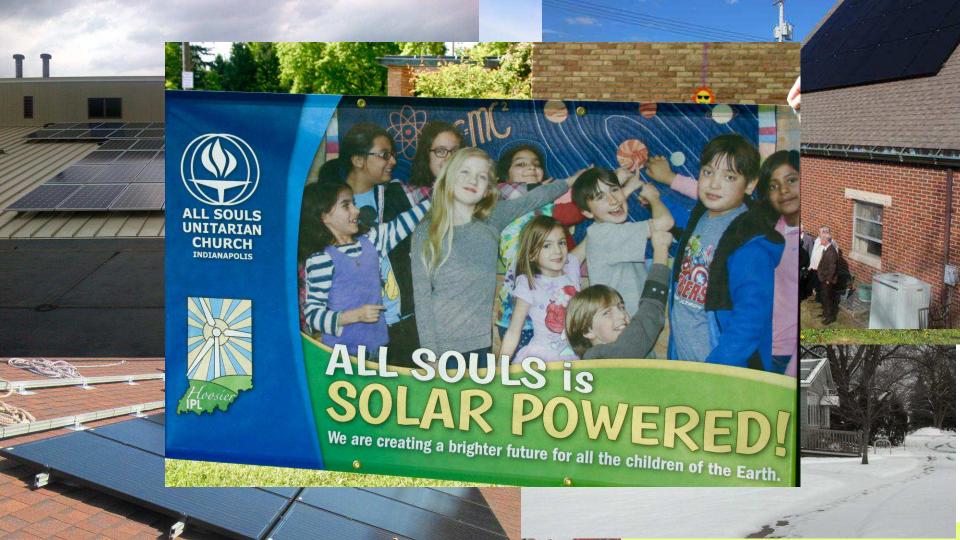


State	Coal Consumed		
Texas <sup>2/</sup>	99,000		
Indiana 2/	54,571		
Illinois 1/	52,000		
Missouri 2/	44,000		
Pennsylvania 1/	44,000		
Ohio	42,170		
Kentucky	40,128		
Michigan 1/2/	32,050		
West Virginia 1/	31,000		
Wyoming 2/	28,000		
Alahama 1/	25,000		

### Using Energy Prudently...

Helps congregations assess and reduce energy use, explore renewable energy, and take the message home









#### How Congregations Come Out Ahead

- 1. Return on investment within 15 years (for 30 year panels).
- 2. When assisted by grant, ROI is reduced substantially.
- 3. Most congregations match the grant through donations from members.
- 4. Solar is paired with substantial energy conservation efforts (25% reduction in electricity and gas use within 3 years), and with engagement of members to conserve energy at home.
- 5. Instead of utility burden, more money can go to the congregation's mission.
- 6. Congregation becomes host site for education of others in the community.
- 7. They know they are doing the right thing for the earth, the poor, and future generations.

#### Multiplying the Effect with Energy Efficiency

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