



**Building Relationships
Developing Leaders
Acting for Justice**

Helping Our Institutions Save Money \$!



Lake County United responded to the growing utility costs our members have been dealing with by partnering with the Community Purchase Alliance (CPA). The CPA, started started by our affiliate in Washington, DC 10 years ago, brings institutions together for group purchases. By uniting their purchase power, they're able to save money on their electric and gas bills. We are happy to now share numbers on what our member institutions have saved by participating in this program. In total, the last group electricity contract in Illinois helped orgs in the state save **\$172,000!** Our members' saving are listed below:

First Presbyterian, Libertyville: \$14,240 on gas and electric

Holy Cross Lutheran, Libertyville: \$10,443 on electric

Episcopal Dioceses: \$26,396 on electric

St Paul Lutheran, Waukegan: \$3,273 on electric

St James Lutheran, Lake Forest: \$3,733 on gas

Trinity Episcopal, Highland Park: \$1,099 on electric

St Gregory Episcopal, Deerfield: \$6,419 on gas and electric

Grace UMC: \$1,440 on electric

CPA has began the process of assisting organizations interested in renewing or joining the electric purchase. **Their next virtual info session is on April 11th and 10am Central Time.**

[Sign up here!](#)

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Three-Day Training

In February, 41 attendees from 5 counties (Lake, Kane, Cook, DuPage, Peoria) attended 14 hours of leadership training.

"I have been to this leadership training before, but this time it is more meaningful because I am different as I have been more active as a leader over the years" - **Yvonne Smith, UPAJ**

"I have been to a lot of leadership training in the corporate sector, which is often the same thing in a different package. This leadership training is like nothing I have ever attended, I am intrigued" - **Bridget Snow, FRVI (LCU Affiliate)**

OPPORTUNITY COMING UP - From July 11th to July 18th, National Leadership Training will take place in Baltimore, Maryland. **For info, contact lakecountyunitedil@gmail.com**





UPAJ in Action

Our sister organization, United Power for Action and Justice (UPAJ), held an action with 300 leaders last Sunday to meet with the two candidates for Chicago Mayor. See [video](#) and [media](#).

Progress on Addressing Gun Violence

National Gun Safety Consortium's updates include its strategy making it into President Biden's executive order addressing gun violence. [Read More](#)

Historic IAF meeting with Pope Francis

A historic meeting between the IAF leaders and Pope Francis drew coverage from national religious press. [Read More](#)