

## How do I get started?

Invite your faith leader to attend the workshop with you. Bring a team of 2, 3 or more from your congregation.

- 1) Reserve a space by registering online at [iowaip.org/calendar](http://iowaip.org/calendar). Each participant must register.
- 2) You will receive a "Carbon Footprint checklist", which asks you information on your entire household for the last 12 months. Each participant should fill one out and bring it along.
- 3) **To attend the workshop, we ask that you become a member of Iowa IPL.** Join online at [iowaip.org/join.html](http://iowaip.org/join.html) or bring your membership fee to the workshop: \$25/person OR \$50/congregation.



**Iowa IPL Members** attend the Cool Congregations workshop, follow-up events, and receive materials free of charge. Members also attend and vote at our annual meeting, receive our communications, and more.

## Upcoming Workshops

**TBA**

New workshop locations sought.  
Contact Sarah Webb at [coolcongregations@iowaip.org](mailto:coolcongregations@iowaip.org) to host a Cool Congregations training workshop for congregations in your area.



[www.iowaip.org](http://www.iowaip.org)

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**Iowa Interfaith Power & Light** is a joint response of faith communities in Iowa to climate change. We work to protect creation and safeguard society's most vulnerable by providing education about global warming, helping individuals and congregations to reduce their carbon footprints, and advocating for sustainable energy.



**Cool  
Congregations**  
*An Earth Stewardship Program*

*"Cool Congregations is a beautiful way to use your passion and reason to change your own life and help others change theirs in big and small ways that may better the health of your children's children."* - Kate Dunning, CC Participant

Cool Congregations is a program of:



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or go to [www.iowaip.org](http://www.iowaip.org)

## Cool Congregations

People of faith across Iowa are caring for God's creation by solving climate change in their own homes and saving money in the process. The Cool Congregations stewardship program will provide you with the tools you need to make a difference in your home, congregation, and community.

This program brings hope and renewal to your community and contributes to global poverty solutions, for the poor of the world are suffering the most from climate change.

Be a good steward of God's creation.  
Be a Cool Congregation!

Participating members:

- Invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Save money on bills
- Prevent climate change pollution

Cool Congregations participants attend a series of small groups led by a trained leader to:

- Measure their carbon footprint
- Explore ways to reduce their footprint
- Make a faith-based pledge to reduce their footprint
- Meet to celebrate their successes and build community!

*"Creation is God's gift to us –the gift of good land, good water, good air –and we are placed in the garden to tend and care for the earth as God's stewards, as earthkeepers."*

- Rev. Benjamin Webb, St. Luke's Episcopal Church

## Training Workshop Description

Learn how to conduct a Cool Congregations program in your congregation by sending a team of two or three or more to a training workshop. These informative and entertaining workshops (yes, we do have a few laughs along the way) include time to network and plan. During those three hours, we will address:

- What's a Cool Congregations program?
- ABCs of climate change
- Why we care about this in our congregation: The religious response to climate change
- Measure your own carbon footprint and find ways to reduce it
- How to organize a Cool Congregations program

Training includes:

- Cool Congregations Manual
- Resource CD
- Cool Congregations Carbon Calculator designed specifically for Iowa

## Success Stories



**Ann and Barry** are just one of the many success stories of Cool Congregations. They reduced their carbon footprint by 10%, saving them \$100 a month on utility bills. To do so, Ann and Barry only invested \$12 dollars!

This is how they did it:

- Changed 5 light bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLS) and turned off lights when not in use
- Turned AC up 2 degrees and closed off rooms not in use
- Washed clothes in cold water, not hot
- Line-dried 5 of the 14 loads of laundry they do each week

**You can do it too!**