

## How do I get started?

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### Register for Cool Congregations:

Bring an established or potential **Green Team** of two or more and become **trained leaders** to run the program in your own congregation. Individuals are also welcome to attend.

### Register online:

[iowaip.org/act/register-events](http://iowaip.org/act/register-events)

**Cost:** \$35 per person for online registration or \$40 at the door.

**What you receive:** in addition to the workshop, you'll receive access to online resources available only to workshop participants.

### Fill out a Carbon Footprint checklist:

You'll receive the checklist by email before the workshop, which asks about your household's energy use for the last 12 months. Fill it out and return by email by the deadline so we can measure your carbon footprint.



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## Upcoming Workshops

Contact Sarah at  
[programs@iowaip.org](mailto:programs@iowaip.org)  
to schedule a workshop  
in your area.

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can be made at  
[iowaip.org](http://iowaip.org)

### Our Mission

The mission of Iowa Interfaith Power & Light is to inspire and equip people of faith to become leaders finding solutions to climate change

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## COOL CONGREGATIONS

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Learn how to take steps to save  
money and energy at home

Make a faith-based pledge to  
reduce your carbon footprint

Explore investing in energy  
efficiency & renewable energy

# Cool Congregations...

## Connecting the dots



Taking steps to reduce your energy use saves you money. But if you **connect the dots**, it does something even greater. This earth stewardship program brings hope and renewal by helping people of faith solve climate change in their own homes and communities.

Cool Congregations also contributes to global poverty solutions, for the poor of the world are suffering the most from climate change.

Participating households:

- Invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Prevent climate change pollution.

Participants accomplish this by attending a series of small groups lead by a trained leader to :

- Measure their carbon footprint and explore ways to reduce it
- Prevent climate change pollution
- Make a faith based pledge to reduce their footprint
- Meet to celebrate their success and build community

**Attend this workshop to become a trained leader.**

## Success Stories

### The Mootharts

Tim and Mary of Dubuque were inspired to reduce their environmental impact and strive for a zero carbon lifestyle.

This is how they did it:

- Installed a geo thermal heating and cooling system, far more efficient than traditional systems and eliminating their need to use natural gas.
- Installed 18 solar panels on their roof sized to meet all their electrical needs.



*Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience.*

*- Pope Francis, "Laudato Si" Encyclical on the*

*"Cool Congregations is a beautiful way to use your passion & reason to change your own life and help others change theirs in big and small ways that better the health of your children and grandchildren."*

*- Kate Dunning, Participant*



## Success Stories

### Ann and Barry

Reduced their carbon footprint by 10%, saving \$100 a month on utility bills. To do so, they only invested \$12!

This is how they did it:

- Changed 5 light bulbs to energy efficient ones and turned off lights when not in use.
- Turned AC up 2 degrees and closed off rooms when not in use.
- Washed clothes in cold water, not hot.
- Line-dried 5 loads of laundry each week.