

# Sign Me Up!



Want to *host* a Cool Congregations training at your home congregation?



Want to *attend* a Cool Congregations training near you?



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## Who is Kansas Interfaith Power and Light?

**Kansas Interfaith Power and Light (IPL)** engages faith communities in environmental stewardship through the promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy.

### Kansas IPL programs include:

- **Energy audit** resources for congregations.
- **Educational programs** (Interfaith Energy Stewardship events, Cool Congregations, etc.)
- **Discounted energy efficiency products** for our houses of worship at [www.shoppipl.org](http://www.shoppipl.org).
- **Carbon calculators** to monitor your congregation's carbon footprint.

Learn more and join Kansas IPL at:

**[www.kansasipl.org](http://www.kansasipl.org)**



**Ready to put your faith into action on climate change?**

**Start a Cool Congregations program with your faith community.**

**Attend a training workshop near you!**

Cool Congregations is a program of Kansas Interfaith Power and Light.

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## Cool Congregations

People of faith across Kansas are putting their faith into action, addressing climate change in their own homes - *and saving money in the process.*

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### Participants in the Cool Congregations program:

- Attend a series of small group meetings led by a trained member of their congregation.
  - Measure their carbon footprint .
  - Explore ways to reduce their carbon footprint.
  - Make a faith-based pledge to reduce their footprint. (*We encourage a 10% carbon footprint reduction – like a traditional tithe*).
  - Invest in energy efficiency and save money on their utility bills.
  - Share their ideas and inspiration with fellow participants.
  - Meet to celebrate their successes and build community!
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## Training Workshop Description

**Learn how to conduct a ‘Cool Congregations’ program in your faith community by sending a team of two or three members to a training workshop.**

*During the training, we will address:*

- + What is 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
- + What’s Your Style: How to organize a Cool Congregations program in your congregation
- + Begin plans to start your own Cool Congregations program.
- + The Other Side of the Meter: local, state and federal policies on energy and climate change

## What information do I need to bring with me to the training?

To calculate your carbon footprint, you will need the following information for your entire household:

1. Car make, model, mpg, and miles driven for the past 12 months.
2. Airplane miles flown in the last 12 months.
3. Last 12 months kilowatt total for electricity usage. \*
4. Last 12 months natural gas/heating gas used.\*
5. Garbage produced each week, measured in gallons. (Kitchen bags are 13 gallons, large bags are 33).

*\*If you didn’t keep the past 12 months of utility bills, you can always call your utility and ask for a 12 month activity statement.*

“As people of faith we are called to address climate change- both to care for creation and to love our neighbors – especially the poor and vulnerable among us.”

-Rev. Lynn Schlosser  
Berghal Mennonite Church  
and Kansas IPL Steering Committee