

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 (yes, we do have a few laughs along the way) workshops include a coffee break to allow 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 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 global warming.

Training Includes:

- Cool Congregations Manual
- CD of resources for success, including our specially designed computer program to calculate global warming pollution emissions from your activities and Oregon-specific materials.

Our Trainer:

Sarah Webb is the statewide coordinator for Cool Congregations, an earth stewardship program of Iowa Interfaith Power & Light, and now a national program initiative of the Interfaith Power & Light network. She is an artist and activist who also worked with Yards For Kids, a neighborhood toxics reduction program, and was the book editor for *Fugitive Faith: Conversations on Spiritual, Environmental and Community Renewal*. She and her husband Rev. Benjamin Webb have three daughters.



Ann and Barry are saving \$100/month. You can too!

Investing only \$12 total, Ann and Barry reduced their carbon footprint by 10 percent.

This is how they did it:

- Changed five light bulbs to CFLs and turned off lights when not in use.
- Turned the AC up two degrees and closed off rooms not in use.
- Washed clothes in cold water rather than hot.
- Line-dried 5 of the 14 loads of laundry the do each week.

How Do I Pre-register?

E-mail awarren@emoregon.org to report the number of team members you are bringing and to receive a registration form to fill out and bring to the workshop.

You will also receive a "Carbon Footprint Checklist," which asks you information on your entire household for the last 12 months. Have each member of your team fill one out and bring it along.

Registration Deadline: September 9.

Cost

Bring suggested donation to workshop: \$20/person OR \$50/team of three or more/congregation.

Oregon Interfaith Power & Light

Oregon Interfaith Power & Light (OIPL) engages the faith community to strive for accountability in our individual and collective energy decisions in an interdependent world. We provide education, consultation, advocacy and hands on energy-saving opportunities informed by faith.

Contact Information

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Reclaim the whole concept of stewardship.

Be a Cool Congregation!!

People of faith across Oregon are caring for God's creation addressing 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.

Participating members:

- Invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Save money on bills
- Prevent global warming 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!

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Cool Congregations Workshop

September 12, 2009

1 to 4:30 p.m.

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

25 N. Rosa Parks Way

Portland, Oregon

**Start a Cool Congregations program
in your faith community**

'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

An Earth Stewardship Program

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