



# Interfaith Power & Light

A Religious Response to Global Warming

Join us for a webinar, ***Planning the Energy Future of your Congregation***, hosted by Interfaith Power & Light and our partners.

The webinar will address the importance of benchmarking or creating a snapshot of your facilities' energy use to shape your congregation's plan to cut energy costs and care for our Sacred Earth. This is the first step to making a plan to take advantage of federal funding for energy and resiliency improvements from the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that will be available later this year.

**[Join us on February 21, 2023, at 1 pm Eastern/10 am Pacific. Click here to register.](#)**

Jerry Lawson, the National Manager of EPA's Energy Star for Small Businesses and Congregations, will explain the EPA's free energy tracking tool, Portfolio Manager, which is the gold standard in the field of energy tracking. The Islamic Center of Evansville in Indiana successfully utilized EPA's Portfolio Manager receiving the Energy STAR certification in 2021.

And for smaller congregations who prefer a simpler tool, Sarah Paulos, IPL's Program Director, will explain [IPL's Cool Congregation carbon footprint calculator](#). Tom Hackley, from People's Church of Kalamazoo, Michigan, will share the congregation's well-conceived plan for reaching zero carbon emissions by 2030, as an example of a congregation that has already made a plan. People's Church is a Certified Cool Congregation that has already achieved a 20% reduction towards their 100% goal.

**[Register here for the \*Planning the Energy Future of your Congregation\* webinar.](#)**

Find the recording of the December 2022 webinar, *Federal Funding Resources for Nonprofits and Houses of Worship: An Overview*, and other resources on [IPL's Resource page](#).

IPL hopes to offer more webinars in the coming months on accessing federal funding for the energy upgrades at your houses of worship.

As people of faith and conscience, this is our opportunity to help bring about climate justice based on our shared values: caring for one another and our common home.