



2017 Climate and Energy Priorities

The mission of Iowa Interfaith Power & Light is to inspire and equip people of faith to become leaders finding solutions to climate change. We do this by helping congregations become models of energy efficiency, utilize renewable energy, and lead by showing strong examples of stewardship of creation. We also do this by addressing systemic issues—social attitudes, political policies, and community practices—that contribute to climate change. Iowa IPL advocates for energy policies that encourage a transition to 100% clean energy in Iowa, reduce greenhouse gas pollution, protect the health, beauty, and integrity of creation, and support the health of human communities. Our 2017 policy priorities include:

Energy Efficiency

Iowa IPL will strongly support energy efficiency and conservation policies and practices as the fastest, cheapest, and cleanest way to reduce carbon emissions. Energy efficiency and conservation translate directly into fewer emissions of harmful pollution into Earth's atmosphere, water, soil, and human communities. Energy Efficiency and conservation go a long way to demonstrating good stewardship of Earth, while also saving costs. Iowa IPL will work to expand energy efficiency markets and ensure that all Iowans have access to energy efficiency programs and savings.

Renewable Energy

Iowa IPL will work to maintain and advance incentives and policies—like net metering and renewable energy tax incentives—available for businesses, congregations, residents, farmers, utilities, and communities to own or invest in their own solar panels, wind turbines, or other forms of clean energy. In 2017, Iowa IPL will encourage and assist congregations that have already implemented energy efficiency measures to install solar on their congregational facilities.

Transportation

Iowa IPL will support transportation policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, provide affordable transit options, increase electric vehicle infrastructure, protect the most vulnerable among us, and support the health of our communities.