

IOWA CHAPTER  
**MFSA**



## **MFSA Iowa** **Spring 2021 Statewide Gathering** **Saturday, April 24 – 9:45 AM**

Gathering virtually via Zoom  
Zoom link will be posted online and in our memos

### **FROM CLIMATE CHANGE TO CLIMATE ACTION**

**Matt Russell**  
Executive Director

Iowa Interfaith Power and Light



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#### **Our speaker: Matt Russell, Iowa IPL**

Matt's (he/him/his) entire career has been advocating for social justice—the first 11 years training for and working in ministry, 16 years' secular work focused on economic and environmental sustainability, and leading Iowa IPL since April 2018. He studied for priesthood with the Catholic Diocese of Des Moines, earned an M.S. in Rural Sociology from Iowa State University, worked at the Drake University Agricultural Law Center, and served on the USDA Iowa Farm Service Agency State Committee. Matt is a fifth generation Iowa farmer. He and his husband Patrick Standley operate Coyote Run Farm near Lacona. They raise fresh produce, heirloom tomato plants, and grass-finished beef. They have used many USDA and state programs to implement environmentally friendly agricultural practices and are developing a plan for carbon farming.



**Devotions by Simpson Youth Academy  
before Matt Russell's keynote**

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