



### **Moral Mondays IOWA Mission:**

To highlight the moral progress at work in the Iowa legislature by discussing legislation that spans a range of progressive issues working for the advancement of Iowa values like equality, fairness, and justice.

Moral Mondays IOWA is a collaborative project designed to highlight the progress at work in the Iowa legislature. A coalition of over 25 progressive Iowa organizations, MMI proactively supports the moral good sought through policies that span a range of progressive issues and works for the advancement of Iowa values like equality, fairness, and justice.

**Date:** March 13, 2017 | Noon – 12:45 p.m.

**Subject:** The real story of Iowa's budget shortfall

**Speakers:** Mike Owen, Executive Director, Iowa Policy Project  
Peter Fisher, Research Director, Iowa Policy Project

**Description:** Iowa has a budget shortfall. The legislature has made cuts to spending and state services. Is our spending the real and only issue? Over many years, the Iowa Legislature has approved more than \$400 million in tax credits. What is the impact on our state's budget, including providing adequate funding of public education and other necessary services? Mike Owen and Peter Fisher are leading experts in Iowa on public policy and budget issues. Please join us at Moral Mondays IOWA to understand the impact of tax credits on our state's budget.

**Location:** Room 304, Iowa Capitol (From the ground floor, go past the cafeteria in the north hallway. Take the elevator at the far end of the hallway to the third floor behind the House Chambers.)

### **Sponsoring Organizations:**

AFSCME Iowa Council 61  
American Association of University Women, Iowa Branch  
Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace  
Every Child Counts  
Family Planning Council of Iowa  
Interfaith Alliance of Iowa Action Fund  
Iowa Alliance for Retired Americans  
Iowa Behavioral Health Association  
Iowa Citizen Action Network  
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement  
Iowa Conference, United Church of Christ  
(Board of Directors & staff)  
Iowa Conference of The United Methodist Church  
Legislative Advocacy Team  
Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

Iowa Organization for Victim Assistance  
Iowa Safe Schools  
Iowa State Education Association  
Iowa Unitarian Universalist Witness/Advocacy Network  
Iowans for Gun Safety  
League of Women Voters of Iowa  
Methodist Federation for Social Action  
National Association of Social Workers, Iowa Chapter  
One Iowa  
Planned Parenthood of the Heartland  
Plymouth UCC Peace Committee (Des Moines)  
Progress Iowa  
Soaring Hearts Foundation  
Walnut Hills United Methodist Church  
Social Justice Committee

*Please note: The listing of an organizational name does not infer support or opposition to any particular issue or bill but is simply an indicator of the organization's support of the broader mission of the Moral Mondays IOWA coalition.*