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Climate Stewardship: Sustainability, Eco-Justice and Well-Being

Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light (WIP&L) 15th Anniversary Conference May 18, 2014

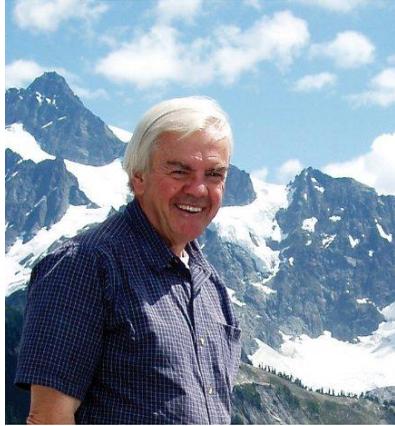
Central United Methodist Church
 639 N 25th St, Milwaukee, WI 53233

PROGRAM

1:00 pm	Registration, Refreshments, Displays	
	Optional Building Tour	
2:00 pm	Welcome, Interfaith Opening Prayers, Recognitions	(Sanctuary)
2:45 pm	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Cal Dewitt, UW-Madison	
3:30 pm	Q & A for Keynote	
3:45 pm	Break and Displays	
4:00 pm	Breakout Sessions	
	Interfaith Environmental Justice	(Sanctuary)
	Climate Communications	Room 1
	Wisconsin's Energy and Climate Challenge	Room 2
	Green Buildings and Green Schools	Room 3
	Cool Congregations	Room 4
4:50 pm	Break & Displays	
5:00 pm	Closing Conversations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name a meaningful insight you gained from this conference • Name some action you plan to take to promote climate stewardship 	
5:25 pm	Thank you, Announcements and Closing Interfaith Prayer	
	Optional Building Tour	

Keynote Speaker:

Calvin B. DeWitt



*Professor Emeritus, Nelson Institute of Environmental Studies, UW-Madison
President, Society of Evangelical Scientists and Ethicists
Co-Founder, Evangelical Environmental Network
Director Emeritus, Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies*

Dr. Calvin B. DeWitt is a scientist, writer, and conservationist whose work builds bridges among environmental science, ethics and practice. DeWitt lives at the Waubesa Marsh in Wisconsin, where he has created a sanctuary for animals to travel a glacial drumlin island that emerges from the marsh.

He is the author of *Song of a Scientist: The Harmony of a God-Soaked Creation*; *Earthwise: A Guide to Hopeful Creation Care*, and *Caring for Creation: Responsible Stewardship of God's Handiwork*, and numerous articles in scientific, religious, and environmental publications.

Congratulations to the Cool Congregations Winners!



All Peoples Lutheran Church, Milwaukee

Winner in the Sacred Grounds Steward category

The Urban Greenhouse Project at All Peoples Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, serves as a symbol of revitalization in a neighborhood that struggles with both poverty and vandalism. The beautifully designed greenhouse and outdoor space provides year-round cultivation of herbs, food products, flowers and starter plants for the outdoor gardens that help feed members of the community.



Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross, Green Bay

Runner-Up in the Cool Planner category

The Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross in Green Bay is planning to install a 112 kilowatt (kW) solar photovoltaic system - among the top 25 largest in the state - south of their Motherhouse at 3110 Nicolet Drive. Not only will the system reduce the Sisters' utility costs by approximately 30 percent but it will be a concrete way to express one of their Franciscan values: to care for God's creation.

Breakout Session Descriptions:

Interfaith Environmental Justice:

Kimberlee Wright, Executive Director, **Midwest Environmental Advocates**, will focus on the increasing barriers to citizens' access to decision-making on issues that directly impact their health and well-being. We are spending 10's of thousands of dollars buying science the DNR is no longer allowed to practice to support citizens as they fight bad ideas. There are growing institutional barriers in Wisconsin that we can't tolerate.

Participating Faith Leaders:

Rev. Will Brisco, Milwaukee Inner-Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH)

Dr. Dan Weber, Jewish Wisconsin Initiative for a Sustainable Environment and WIP&L

Huda Alkaff, Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin and WIP&L

Terry Wiggins, Earth Justice Committee, First Unitarian Society and Interfaith Earth Network (IEN)

Climate Communications:

In this interactive workshop, **Citizens' Climate Lobby** volunteer **Ross Astoria** will discuss techniques for tailoring your climate message for different audiences, including members of Congress. We'll cover the different perceptions Americans have of climate change, discuss policy choices, go over the nuts and bolts of holding a successful meeting with your elected officials, and analyze the features of a successful letter to the editor. Please come prepared for active participation.

Wisconsin's Energy and Climate Challenge

Climate change is a global issue, but it will have consequences for Wisconsin, and Wisconsin's energy choices will have impacts locally, globally, and for future generations. What are our options, and what policy issues demand our attention right now? **Meg Domroese**, Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters Initiatives Director, will present the Academy's Wisconsin "road map" for a civil, statewide discussion about our state's energy and climate options. **Katy Walter**, Energy and Climate Specialist for Clean Wisconsin, will present policies that Wisconsin can undertake to move us closer to a cleaner, more just, and more sustainable future.

Green Buildings and Green Schools:

Buildings represent huge opportunities for reducing our negative environmental and economic impacts and improving social relationships, but where do we begin? How do we sift through the infinite information available and choose what to do? Join an overview and dialogue that will steer you to make better choices in constructing and using your facilities, as individuals and corporately within your faith groups, and encourage those you encounter to do the same.

Presenter: Rex Loker is a project manager for the State of Wisconsin. A registered architect, LEED Accredited Professional and Wisconsin Green Building Alliance board member, he is currently part of the core team to repurpose a Madison area bowling alley for his United Methodist Church.

Cool Congregations: How Faith Communities Can Help

Their Members Reduce Their Carbon Footprint:

Learn about WIP&L's new Cool Congregations program, a user-friendly process and tool for households to save money on their energy bills and help prevent climate change pollution by practicing energy efficiency and investing in renewable energy. Participants in the Cool Congregations programs meet regularly in small groups over a two-year period to measure their carbon footprint, learn about ways to reduce their energy consumption, and pledge to take specific actions to reduce their carbon emissions. The congregation provides a supportive, faith-based context for sharing challenges, celebrating successes, and building community. Presented by **Dr. Peter Bakken**, Executive Director, Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light.

Closing Prayer

Reader 1:

We join with Earth and with each other.
To celebrate the seas
To rejoice in the sunlight
To sing the song of the stars

All: We join with Earth and with each other.

Reader 2:

To renew the forests
To care for the plants
To protect the creatures

All: We join with Earth and with each other.

Reader 3:

To bring new life to the land
To restore the waters
To refresh the air

All: We join with Earth and with each other.

Reader 4:

To tackle climate change
To advocate for sustainable solutions
To build a more renewable future

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