

Why should people of faith be interested in the "Climate CAFE" program created by the Wisconsin Interfaith Climate & Energy Campaign (WICEC)?

Scientists now agree that motor vehicles are a major source of pollution that harms Creation, including our climate. Therefore, many major religious denominations have united to help revolutionize what we drive and join the conversation about our transportation choices. A dramatic shift in how we drive appears to be under way—and automotive pollution may even be eliminated *completely*. Congregations and individuals can work to bring about this important progress even more rapidly. WICEC, the religious coalition working on motor vehicle and other air pollution issues in our state, invites your congregation to get involved through the "Climate CAFE."

What is the Climate CAFE program all about?



The Climate CAFE program seeks to educate people of faith about ways they can send a clear signal to automakers and Congress about pollution reductions through their own vehicle purchases and transportation practices. At the core of the Climate CAFE program is a unique coffee cup sleeve of WICEC's own design. This sleeve promotes updating a 1975 law that—until it was allowed to stall some years ago—prompted automakers to make more fuel-efficient, cleaner vehicles. This law regulates "Corporate Average Fuel Economy," or CAFE for short. The "CAFE cup" sleeve indicates how many ounces of fuel selected vehicles need to travel a single mile.

What's in a "Climate CAFE" kit and how easy is it to use?

The basic kit has just a few components: A stack of "Climate CAFE" cup sleeves, an explanatory flyer for you to photocopy, and some additional information, such as a list of environmental resources offered by various denominations. During coffee time after or between your congregation's services or at, say, a women's council gathering, just put the Climate CAFE sleeves on 8-oz paper cups or 10-oz Dart styrofoam cups and set a stack of flyers next to the cups.

The full kit also includes a colorful and compelling video for youths and adults, a lively discussion booklet, sermon helps, bulletin inserts and other worship resources, and sample letters and postcards to automakers. An optional item is a large umbrella to create a "café" atmosphere. Ways to use the full kit include convening a Sunday morning discussion, basing a youth fundraiser or activity on it, and featuring it in a Creation stewardship session at a denominational conference.

Questions? Call 608-255-7399 or send an e-mail message to suelarson@mcleodusa.net



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To order a Climate CAFE kit, **mail this completed form with a check** (see boxes at bottom) to the Lutheran Office for Public Policy, 322 E. Washington Ave., Madison WI 53703-2834.

Congregation/organization name (if applicable): _____

Attention (individual's name): _____

Street address or post office box: _____

City, state and zip code: _____

FILL IN THE BLANK: Send me ____ "Climate CAFE" cup sleeves for (**check one**): 8-oz paper cups

10-oz Dart foam cups

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THESE BOXES:

I am enclosing **\$4.00** to receive the basic kit.

I am enclosing **\$10.00** to receive the full kit.

I am enclosing **\$20.00** to receive the full kit plus café umbrella.

