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[RSVP Today](#) for the Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light Launch Event!



Sunday, May 15, 2011
3:00-5:00 pm

Holy Wisdom Monastery
4200 County Highway M
Middleton, WI

Keynote by [Sarah Webb](#),
Iowa Interfaith Power & Light,
founder of [Cool Congregations Program](#)

- **Presentations:**
 - How to save money and reduce pollution with Cool Congregations
 - How to form a Green Team to help your congregation care for creation
 - How to shrink the carbon footprint of your house of worship
 - How to be an advocate for a just and sustainable energy future
- **Exhibits** by faith-based creation care groups, congregations, and other organizations
- **Networking** with others who share your interests and concerns in a religious response to global warming
- **Guided Tour** of [Holy Wisdom Monastery](#) – recipient of the highest rating from the U.S. Green Building Council

This event is free, but [Please RSVP](#) if you are interested in attending -- even if you are not sure -- to help us prepare for the event.

See the [WIPL Launch Page](#) for more information.

BONUS! Have your congregation recognized at this event for its commitment to save energy and combat climate change by completing and returning the [Congregation Covenant](#) form by **May 1**. The first forty congregations to return their form will receive a FREE copy of *Love God, Heal the Earth*, edited by The Rev. Canon Sally Bingham, founder of IPL, and with contributions by 21 religious leaders from diverse faith communities.

Energy Star Award for WIPL and the Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin



Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin and WIPL have received the Energy Star Change the World Pledge Leader Certificate of Achievement from the U.S. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency.

In October 2010, they celebrated the 4th Annual Wisconsin Interfaith Energy Awareness Month, and they helped to empower an estimated savings of 235,365 kilowatt hours of energy, \$34,519 and prevented 450,906 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions! See the [WIPL Awards Page](#).

Action Alert: Attacks on Clean Air Act Defeated -- Thank Senator Kohl!

Four different amendments undermining the Clean Air Act failed in the Senate on April 6. Our own Senator Herb Kohl voted against all of them!

Please go to the [Senator's webpage](#) and send him a note of appreciation and to encourage him to continue to stand up against any and all attacks on the Clean Air Act. The fight is far from over, and it is important for the Senator to know that you support protecting creation from air pollution and climate change!

Celebrate Earth Month



Earth Month Resources from Interfaith Power and Light

IPL's focus for Earth Month 2011 is on food and the abundance of creation. Food is central to many sacred rituals. And it the basic resource for survival that must be shared and distributed more equally. We can make different food choices that will help heal our people, our communities, and our planet. Visit the [IPL Earth Month page](#) for practical helps for responsible eating, Earth Day sermons and other worship resources, and scriptural references from many traditions about food, abundance and stewardship of the earth.

Earth Day Sunday Resources from National Council of Churches

[*Where Two or More are Gathered: Eco-Justice as Community*](#)

Seventh Annual Interfaith Earth Month Poster Conference

For All K-12 Students. Organized by WIPL and the Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin. Visit the [Poster Contest Page](#) for details and registration. – Deadline APRIL 30, 2011.

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