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Cool Congregations Training Event

Sarah Webb, Iowa Interfaith Power and Light, and founder of the Cool Congregations Program, returned to Wisconsin with her husband, the Rev. Benjamin Webb, to lead a Cool Congregations training Event at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Monona, on Oct. 1. [More Photos!](#)

[Cool Congregations](#) offers user-friendly tools for households to evaluate their “carbon footprint” – the amount of carbon dioxide they generate from using electricity, heating and cooling, transportation, and so on. It suggests a multitude of ways – from easy to ambitious -- to reduce that footprint year by year. The congregational setting gives participants opportunities to support, challenge, and celebrate with others on a shared path of caring for creation.

WIPL will be hosting more training events in the coming months. Watch for announcements, or contact us at info@WisconsinIPL.org if you would like to help sponsor a training event in your area!

RSVP Now for “Environmental Justice: A Human Rights Issue”

Sunday December 11, 2011, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Islamic Society of Milwaukee, 4707 S. 13th St. (13th and Layton), Milwaukee.
Co-sponsored by WIPL. Free Admission. With Kimberlee Wright, Executive Director, Midwest Environmental Advocates. Interfaith panel, Cleaner Valley Coalition and exhibits. **RSVP** by Friday December 2, 2011 is appreciated. [More information.](#)

From Interfaith Power & Light:



Celebrate the International Year of Forests

Forests play a crucial role in the climate by absorbing CO2 emissions. [Interfaith Power & Light's Carbon Covenant](#) program is connecting people of faith in the U.S. with faith communities in the developing world who are restoring forests. What better way to celebrate the International Year of Forests than to sponsor a forest project? [Find out how](#) your congregation, diocese, judicatory, province, or community can sponsor a project. Individual support is also welcome.

Faith Speaks at Keystone Pipeline Hearings

Leaders from state IPL organizations testified at U.S. State Department hearings in opposition the proposed pipeline to bring oil from the tar sands fields in Canada across the U.S. Watch their testimony [here](#) and [here](#).

Looking Ahead: Preach-In -- Save the Date!

In February, hundreds of faith leaders of different religious traditions from around the country will use the weekend closest to Valentine's Day as a time to express their love of Creation and their concern about climate change. [Sign up now](#), to participate and IPL will send you a variety of resources as soon as they become available. [Learn more](#).

Resources

Creation Care Newsletter of the Environmental Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Eau Claire

The September issue includes reflections from Sister Christine Vladimirov, Wendell Berry, and St. Clement of Rome, and more.

Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts

How is Wisconsin's climate changing? What are the potential impacts? What are Wisconsin's possible adaptation strategies? [Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts](#) is a collaborative partnership of the University of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and other state agencies and organizations to assess and anticipate climate change's effects on Wisconsin's environment, industry, and agriculture, and what we need to do to adapt. You can also download WICCI's report, "[Wisconsin's Changing Climate: Impacts and Adaptation](#)."

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