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Last Chance to Join the Preach-In!

Interfaith Power & Light invites clergy of all religions, lay leaders, and green team members from across the country to participate in the [National Preach-In on Global Warming](#) over Valentine's Day weekend, February 10-12, 2012.

There are still plenty of [online resources](#) to download to help you prepare your activity, sermon or reflection:

- Denomination-specific liturgical and thematic notes to help in the preparation of sermons, reflections, devotionals, Bible studies, and youth activities
- Ready-to-go sample sermons on global warming
- Downloadable Global warming fact sheet and bulletin inserts
- Printable Valentine's Day postcards for policy makers
- Clean Air Promise Sign-up Sheet

All materials are free-of-charge to those who wish to give a sermon or hold an activity. You can [sign up](#) for Preach-In right up to the day.

Update on WIPL Challenge Grant

As we've reported earlier, WIPL has received a challenge grant from the Regeneration Project which will match any amount we receive between \$4000 and \$8000.

WIPL CHALLENGE GRANT

- Our Goal: \$8000
- Halfway Point: \$4000
- Contributions to Date



Thanks to our generous contributors, we have received \$895.00 toward this goal -- over 20% of our half-way target -- since December. If we reach \$4000.00, these and further gifts will be doubled!

As an added bonus, those who give \$100 or more will receive a free copy of *Love God, Heal Earth*, a collection of statements by religious leaders of many faiths edited by the Rev. Canon Sally Bingham, founder of Interfaith Power and Light (a \$19.95 value)!

Please join these supporters in helping WIPL meet our goals!

Huda Alkaff, Peter Bakken, Terry Burki, Thomas and Carol Ehlsam, Katie and Tom Heinen, Lorrie and John Hylkema, Dorothy Lagerroos, Randy Lueth, Patricia McConnell and Montgomery Elmer, Jim Reichling, Kent and Patricia Shifferd, Wayne and Carole Stroessner, Doug Szper, Nick Uthall and Acacia Latka, Katy Walter, Daniel Weber, Janet Weyker, and Racine Dominican Ministries

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Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light,
750 Windsor Street -- Suite #301,
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"Faith Communities and Green Energy" Workshop

This workshop will be held Thursday March 8, 2012, 2:00-3:15 pm, in the Frontier Airlines Center, Milwaukee, as part of the [9th Annual Green Energy Summit](#).

Sponsored by Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light (WIPL), Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin, and the Interfaith Earth Network (IEN) of Milwaukee.

A Faith Communities and Green Energy Panel will include:

- Peter Goldberg, Congregation Shir Hadash
- Amy Taivalkoski - Unitarian Universalist Church West
- Janet Weyker - Racine Dominican Eco-Justice Center & WIPL
- Meru Doug Szper, Still Point Zen Center & WIPL
- Huda Alkaff, Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin & WIPL

The panel will be followed by a presentation on the WIPL Cool Congregations Program by Peter Bakken, Executive Director, WIPL

Resources for Lent

[Sign up now](#) to participate in the 2012 Ecumenical Lenten Carbon Fast!

Participants like will receive daily email messages from Ash Wednesday through Easter with carbon reducing suggestions for you and your church or community group. The 2012 Ecumenical Lenten Carbon Fast is a project of NEREM (New England Regional Environmental Ministries). Your email address or other information will not be shared with or sold to anyone else or be used for any purpose except the 2012 Ecumenical Lenten Carbon Fast.

"Caring for Creation" Lenten calendar

The Archdiocese of Washington has put together a "Caring for Creation" Lenten calendar. Click [here](#) to view and download your calendar.

Other Upcoming Events

Summoned to Justice: Equipping Faith Communities to Answer the Call

Saturday February 11, 2012, 8:30 am-12:30 pm
St. Mary-Hales Corners Catholic Church, Hales Corners

WIPL will have a display and Huda Alkaff, WIPL President, is a panelist in an interfaith workshop on Environmental Justice at this conference, which is organized by [Catholics for Peace and Justice](#).

[World Oil Supply: Looming Crisis or New Abundance?](#)

February 14, 2012, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Varsity Hall, Union South, 1308 W Dayton St., Madison

This event will confront our most fundamental energy question: Are we running short of oil and must radically adapt our economy, or can new technology and strong policy restore oil supply growth? Dr. Tadeus Patzek., Chair, Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering, University of Texas at Austin, will debate John Hofmeister, President, Citizens for Affordable Energy, moderated by Dr. Alan Carroll, Professor of Geoscience, UW-Madison.

Climate Change is a Moral Issue

The [National Climate Ethics Campaign](#) is collecting signatures for a "**Statement of Our Nation's Moral Obligation to Address Climate Change.**"

"We, the undersigned ... recognize that climate change is a real, dangerous, and rapidly worsening problem with deep moral implications. . . . We must . . . acknowledge and act on our long-standing moral obligation to protect current and future generations from suffering and death, to honor principles of justice and equity, and to protect the great Earth systems on which the wellbeing of all life, including ours, depends. . . ."

Read the full statement, see the current list of signers, and sign the statement at:

<http://climateethicscampaign.org/>

["Confronting the Moral Implications of Climate Change."](#) Anne Roan Thomas, doctoral candidate and teaching assistant in Political Theory at the Catholic University of America, writes about the moral implications of climate change in the [blog](#) of Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good. <http://catholicsinalliance.org/cgf2112.php>

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