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The Health Effects of Climate Change TeleSeminar

Title: The Health Effects of Climate Change

Speaker: Dr. Wendy Ring, a family physician who is biking across the country talking about the impact of climate change on public health.

TeleSeminar on Wednesday, August 29, 2012, 7:00-8:00 pm.



Register [HERE](#) to receive information on how to join the TeleSeminar!

Doctor Wendy Ring, a 56 year old family physician, is riding a bicycle across the United States to draw attention to global warming as a public health emergency.

Climate change is already affecting our health in the US; resulting in thousands of emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and deaths from a variety of respiratory, cardiovascular, and infectious diseases.

Medical professional organizations including the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Family Practice have issued warnings that climate change is harmful to the health of the American people and called for a rapid reduction in carbon dioxide emissions.

Dr. Ring is a graduate of Yale and Columbia Universities and holds a Doctorate in Medicine and a Masters Degree in Public Health. She has been recognized by the California State Senate and Assembly, the House of Representatives, the US Senate, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association for her contributions to health care for the underserved. See <http://www.climate911.org/>

Additional events with Dr. Wendy Ring:

Press Conference: Madison, WI – Thursday, August 23, time & location TBA
Climate Change House Call: Thursday, August 23, 7:00 p.m. at the Aldo Leopold Center, 330 Femrite Drive, Monona, WI, hosted by The Sierra Club – John Muir Chapter and Physicians for Social Responsibility Wisconsin

Sierra Club, PSR Wisconsin, Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light, 350.org Madison, the Citizens Climate Lobby are cosponsoring Dr. Wendy's travels through Wisconsin

For updates and further information, go to <http://www.psr.org/chapters/wisconsin/>

Interfaith TelePrayer for Earth

Join with other people of faith for an [Interfaith TelePrayer for Earth](#) on **Wednesday September 12, 2012, 12:00 pm-12:45 pm.**

Click [HERE](#) to register

Organized by [WIPL](#) and the [Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin](#)



Participants include:

Rev. Meru Doug Szper, Still Point Zen Center, Random Lake
Urmila Bharadwaj, The Hindu Temple of Wisconsin, Pewaukee
Dr. Dan Weber, Congregation Anshe Sfard Kehillat Torah, Milwaukee & WIPL
Rev. Susan Gilbert Zencka, Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church, Stevens
Point & WIPL
Rev. Don Niederfrank, St. John's United Church of Christ, Random Lake
Pastor Nick Utphall, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Monona & WIPL
Sr Maureen McDonnell, O.P., Wisdom's Well Interfaith Spirituality Center,
Madison
Sr Janet Weyker, O.P., Eco-Justice Center, Racine & WIPL
Huda Alkaff, Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin & WIPL

[Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light](#) and the [Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin](#) are hosting a series of conference calls in which people from all over Wisconsin can join in praying for a just, healthy, and sustainable future for all.

As the consequences of climate change become all too obvious; as we take action to reduce our own carbon emissions; and as we work for sustainable energy and climate policies, we need spiritual sustenance and the support of companions on our journey.

These calls will include prayers offered by religious leaders from varied faith traditions, followed by time for comments, sharing, and other responses.

We invite you to be part of these calls. Register [HERE](#) or e-mail us at info@WisconsinIPL.org and we will send you the call-in and other information.

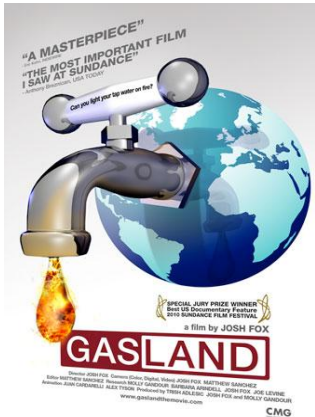
If you are a member of the clergy or leadership in your faith community, and would like to lead a prayer in a future teleconference, please let us know!

Report on the 1st Interfaith TelePrayer on August 7, 2012, 12:00 pm-12:45 pm

There were about 25 people registered for this call from cities and towns all over Wisconsin (Random Lake, Waukesha, Monona, West Bend, Milwaukee, Sun Prairie, Shorewood, Madison, Grafton, Brown Deer, McFarland, St. Germain, Sheboygan, West Allis, Stevens Point).

"Thank you for organizing this. It was a blessing and honor to participate today and I look forward to next time!" Adam T. Arn

Gasland: Connecting the Dots about Fracking



Film Screening co-sponsored by the Urban Ecology Center and Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light

Sunday, September 16, 2012, 1:00-3:00 pm
Urban Ecology Center, Riverside Park,
1500 East Park Place, Milwaukee, WI.
Free Admission

Is fracking safe? When filmmaker Josh Fox is asked to lease his land for drilling, he embarks on a cross-country odyssey to uncover answers about fracking. Join us for this entertaining film with discussion to follow about fracking and frac sand mining in Wisconsin and how this affects us locally, with Dennis Grzezinski from Midwest Environmental Advocates.

Online registration at urbanecologycenter.org

WIPL Cool Congregations Training

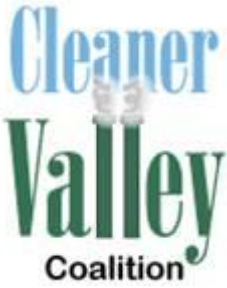


Saturday, September 29, 2012
The HOPES Center, 507 6th Street, Racine WI 53403

People of faith across Wisconsin are caring for Earth by reducing the sources of climate change in their own homes and saving money in the process. The Cool Congregations stewardship program will provide you with the tools you need to make a difference in your home, congregation, and community.

See <http://wisconsinipl.org/wiplcoolcongregations.htm> for more information.

Breaking News: Cleaner Valley Victory!



An important announcement from the Cleaner Valley Coalition, of which Wisconsin IP&L is a member:

[Cleaner Valley Coalition Celebrates Clean Air Victory: Milwaukee to Breathe Easier with We Energies Power Plant Conversion](#)

More information:

[We Energies to pursue conversion of Valley Power Plant to natural Gas](#)
(We Energies press release)

[We Energies: Milwaukee coal plant will switch to natural gas by 2016](#)
(news article)

Help us reach our fundraising goal!

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