



# ETHICAL ENERGY

## The newsletter of Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light

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## July-August 2013

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Interfaith TelePrayer for Earth / Climate Change

Monday, July 29, 2013, 12:00-12:30 pm, by Phone

See <http://wisconsinipl.org/interfaithteleprayer.htm>

[Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light](#) (WIPL) 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, peaceful and sustainable future for all.



Presenters include:

- Jill Hartlev, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe, Odanah
- Rebecca McAllister, Shambhala Buddhist, Windhorse Retreat Center, Plymouth
- Surjit Singh, Priest, Sikh Religious Society of Wisconsin, Brookfield
- Peter Goldberg, Congregation Shir Hadash, Milwaukee
- Margaret Swedish, Author, Spirituality and Ecological Hope, Milwaukee
- Rev. Nick Utphall, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Monona & WIPL
- Rev. Adam Arn, Vineyard Community Church, Grafton & WIPL
- Huda Alkaff, Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin & WIPL
- Peter Bakken, WIPL, Sun Prairie

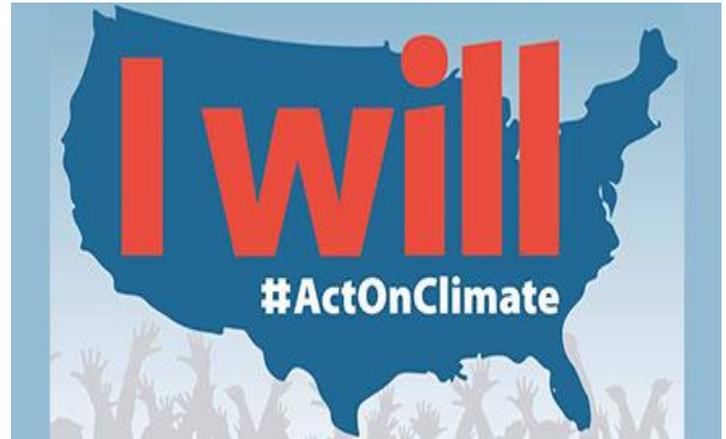
As the consequences of climate change become all too obvious; as we take action to reduce our own carbon emissions; and as we work for sustainable energy and climate policies, we need spiritual sustenance and the support of companions on our journey.

These calls (lasting one half-hour or less) will include prayers offered by religious leaders from varied faith traditions. 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 at [info@WisconsinIPL.org](mailto:info@WisconsinIPL.org)!

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## I Will #ActOnClimate Bus Tour Stops in Wisconsin

On **Wednesday July 31, 2013, 2 pm, at the EcoPark (789 Myrick Park Dr) in La Crosse, WI**, the cross country “I Will #ActOnClimate” Bus Tour will stop in Wisconsin as part of its 21 state tour. WIPL is a co-sponsor of the “I Will Act” Rally in support of climate change action and legislation.



The bus tour is highlighting the growing momentum for climate action following President Obama’s climate change address, which included a call for limits on carbon pollution – especially from power plants, our largest polluters - as well as investments in energy efficiency.

That’s why the bus tour is traveling to local communities and highlighting impacts of climate change and the opportunities for climate action. By calling for local action, the “I Will” bus tour is encouraging local communities to support the President’s climate agenda and encourage action on climate change, the challenge of our generation.

President Obama has said repeatedly that we have an obligation to future generations to address climate change. But Congress has failed to act. **Climate change won't wait, and neither can we.**

That's why we need as many people as possible to stand up right now and say **I WILL ACT** to protect our air, our environment, and our future.

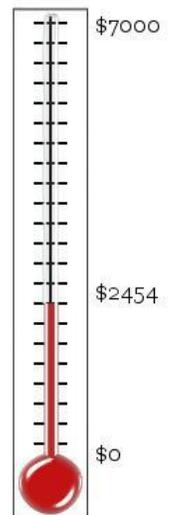
Please RSVP to Paula [pjzellner@gmail.com](mailto:pjzellner@gmail.com), 715-340-6567

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## WIPL Welcomes Your Support

As mentioned in our mid-year fundraising letter (click [HERE](#), Wisconsin IP&L received a matching grant from [The Regeneration Project](#) for donations we receive this year, up to \$7,000. We need your contribution throughout the year! Please mail your check, payable to Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light, to: WIP&L, 750 Windsor Street, Suite 301, Sun Prairie, WI, 53590. See the list of our generous donors at <http://wisconsinipl.org/donate.htm>. Thank You!

Become a friend of WIPL (as an individual, congregation, and/or partner organization)! See <http://wisconsinipl.org/join.htm>





## **The 2013 Cool Congregations Challenge Begins! Download your guide today.**

Get your entries ready for the 2013 **Cool Congregations Challenge**, an annual national contest to recognize “Cool Congregations” that are becoming energy efficient and sustainable role models within their communities. The contest is brought to you by [Interfaith Power & Light](#), a nonprofit organization working to inspire and support a religious response to global warming.

Projects **completed** in the last year or so (from October 18, 2012 through December 31, 2013) qualify for the 2013 **Cool Congregations Challenge**. There is no fee to enter. When you [register for your free Entry Guide](#), you will automatically be notified when the entry form has been activated. The deadline for entries is January 31, 2014, 12 Midnight HST (Hawaii Standard Time). Read more at <http://www.coolcongregations.org/take-the-challenge/what-is-ccc/>

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## **Tell Your Senator to Support Energy Efficiency Bills**

Sen. Amy Klobuchar [D-MN] and Sen. John Hoeven [R-ND] have introduced the Non-Profit Energy Efficiency Act – S. 717 that would direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of retrofitting their buildings with energy efficient improvements.

This bill would help congregations model stewardship of Creation by making their sanctuaries and buildings more energy efficient.

As members of the faith community, we have a moral obligation to be stewards of Creation and provide a healthy environment for future generations. Setting the example in our houses of worship is an important first step!

[Tell your senator to support S.717 and S.761, today!](#)

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## **Upcoming WIPL Displays**

**August 17, 2013, 8 am - 5 pm:** WIPL is a co-sponsor, exhibitor and will host a table discussion at the “Ecological Justice: Creating Legacies, Honoring the Earth” conference, Verona Area High School Performing Arts Center, 300 Richard St, Verona, WI 53593. To register, see <http://www.farleycenter.org/images/stories/conference%20fler.pdf>

**August 17, 2013, 10 am – 7 pm:** Sheboygan Earthfest. It's located in Fountain Park on the corner of N 8th St and Erie Ave, Sheboygan. Stop by our table!

## Reports:



Northwest  
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WIPL presented a "Cool Congregations" workshop at the Northwest Earth Institute's Biannual conference, La Crosse, WI, July 18-21, 2013. <http://www.uwlax.edu/conted/nwei/schedule.htm>

WIPL had displays at the following events organized by the [Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin](#) and Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice:

- July 11, 2013, 7:00-8:30 pm, "Faith and Ecology: Peace, Justice and Sustainability," Urban Ecology Center-Riverside Park, Milwaukee. This event was in collaboration with the [Interfaith Earth Network](#).
- July 14, 2013, 1:15-3:00 pm, "A Conversation: Communities of Peace, Justice and Sustainability," Islamic Society of Milwaukee.

These events were also part of [Power Down](#) week (July 7-14, 2013) in Milwaukee.



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*The mission of Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light shall be to inform, train, and activate people of all faiths and faith communities to take concrete steps in response to climate change through the promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy in order to protect Earth's ecosystems, safeguard public health, and ensure just, sufficient and sustainable energy for all.*