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Wisconsin IPL is One Year Old!

It has been one year since we celebrated our official [Launch as Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light](#) on May 15, 2011 at Holy Wisdom Monastery in Middleton!

To mark this milestone, WIPL has drafted an [Interfaith Statement on Climate Change](#). We invite you to join us in signing it by completing [this online form](#).

Since our launch, we have:

- Held our first ["Cool Congregations" training event](#);
- Added new members to our [Board of Directors](#);
- **Co-sponsored** ["Water: A Sacred gift of Life: Sustaining it for All," "Environmental Justice: A Human Rights Issue,"](#) a panel presentation at the [Green Energy Summit](#), and a workshop at the Annual Assembly of the [South Central Synod of Wisconsin \(ELCA\)](#);
- Shared the ["Energy Star Change The World Pledge Leader" award](#) with the Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin;
- **Advocated** on behalf of Wisconsin's [Focus on Energy Program](#) and the [Clean Air Act and federal energy efficiency legislation](#).

... And we've only just gotten started!

Poster Winners!



Congratulations to the following [winners of the 8th Annual Interfaith Earth Month Poster Contest](#) for K-12 students (April 2012):

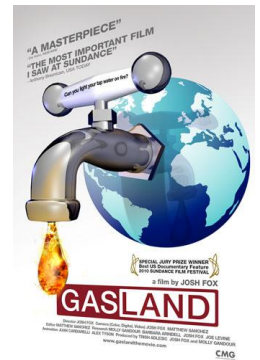
- **Isra Ahmed, Masjid Al-Qur'an Sunday School, Milwaukee (Poster, L)**
- **James Robert Frost the 2nd, JC Elementary, Johnson Creek**
- **Hussein Shafique, Masjid Al-Qur'an Sunday School, Milwaukee**

The theme was "TREE PLANTING," organized and sponsored by WIPL and the Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin.

“Gasland” Film Showing

WIPL is hosting a film viewing of Gasland and discussion at 6:00 pm on Wednesday May 30, 2012, at the [Eco-Justice Center](#), 7133 Michna Road, Racine, WI 53402.

[GASLAND](#) investigates the Halliburton-developed drilling technology of “fracking”—the process used to access natural gas from beneath the earth’s surface. It’s an energy goldmine, but is fracking safe? “When filmmaker Josh Fox is asked to lease his land for drilling, he embarks on a cross-country odyssey uncovering a trail of secrets, lies and contamination. A recently drilled nearby Pennsylvania town reports that residents are able to light their drinking water on fire. This is just one of the many absurd and astonishing revelations of a new country called GASLAND. Part *verite* travelogue, part expose, part mystery, part bluegrass banjo meltdown, part showdown.”



Ground for Hope: Regional Environmental Training Conference

Planning is well under way for *Ground for Hope – Wisconsin*, a regional environmental training conference Oct. 21-22 for clergy, seminarians, lay leaders and faith community members of many faiths and denominations. Renowned Native American environmental leader Winona LaDuke will give the keynote talk. There will be a large array of workshops on topics ranging from sacred texts and energy/climate issues facing Wisconsin to environmental justice and sustainable food for faith-based sites. Plus, there will be an optional Muslim iftar fast-breaking meal and optional eco-spirit bus tours to Milwaukee area sites where inspirational environmental and sustainability efforts are under way. The Interfaith Conference’s Interfaith Earth Network and the national GreenFaith organization are planning this event with help from 16 major co-sponsors, including Wisconsin IP&L.

The first day will be at the Islamic Community Center, the second at the Archbishop Cousins Center. Prices and other details are being finalized. Go to www.greenfaith.org for updates.

EPA Carbon Pollution Standard

EPA will hold a [public hearing](#) on the proposed Carbon Pollution Standard for New Power Plants. The hearing in Chicago will be at the Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building, Lake Michigan Room (12th floor), 77 West Jackson May 24, 2012, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The public may preregister to speak at the hearings at a specific time. People also may register in person on the day of the hearing, and will be accommodated as time allows. To preregister to speak at the hearings, please contact Ms. Pamela Garrett, telephone 919-541-7966 or email garrett.pamela@epa.gov.

EPA also will accept written comments until June 25, 2012. You can [submit comments online](#) and there is a document with helpful [“Tips for Submitting Effective Comments.”](#) You can also submit comments via the [Interfaith Power and Light](#) website.

Cleaner Valley Coalition Information Session

On Thursday May 31, 2012, 5:00 pm-6:30 pm at Candelas, 2537 W. National, Milwaukee, the Cleaner Valley Coalition-Milwaukee, of which WIPL is a member, is holding an information session “What you need to know about the Valley coal plant: Fish blenders and dirty air.” With May being Asthma Awareness Month, join us to hear the latest information on the effect of We Energies Valley coal plant and our strategy to work toward clean air and water. [RSVP here](#).

WIPL Cool Congregations Workshop



Cool
Congregations

On **Friday 6/15/12**, 11:00 am, WIPL, [a non-profit member of Midwest Renewable Energy Association](#), invites you to a [Cool Congregations](#) workshop at the 23rd Annual Energy fair, Custer. It is the largest and longest running renewable energy and sustainable living event in the country with over 20,000 visitors. See <https://www.midwestrenew.org/energyfair>

WIPL Exhibits

WIPL will have a display table at the 5th Annual Sustainability Fair, organized by the Ozaukee County Awareness Forum, **Saturday, May 19th** from 9:30-1:30. First Congregational Church Community Room at 131 N. Webster St. in Port Washington. See [Flyer](#).

WIPL, a member of [Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air](#), will have an exhibit table at the [Clean Air Extravaganza](#), 1:00-3:00 pm, **Thursday May 24, 2012**, Gateway Technical College, 1001 South Main Street, Racine Building Conference Center, Rms. 102-104, Racine.

On **Thursday May 31-Saturday June 2, 2012**, WIPL will have a display at the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Country Springs Conference Center, Waukesha.

Give Trees!

Support tree planting and sustainable livelihoods in the developing world through the Interfaith Power & Light [Carbon Covenant program](#). [Order your gift on the secure website](#), and you can print out a card to let your loved one(s) know about your gift.

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