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[Welcome to Two New WIPL Board Members!](#)

Rev. Dr. Neddy Astudillio (Pastor, Parroquia San José, Beloit) and Dr. Rebecca McAllister (Director, Windhorse Shambhala Buddhist Retreat Center) joined the WIPL Board in October. For more information, see <http://wisconsinipl.org/boardofdirectors.htm> **SPECIAL NOTICE:** Neddy will be a presenter for **Eco-Justice Worship: A Webinar** from PC(USA) Environmental Ministries on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 2-3 pm Eastern Standard Time. Space is limited -- Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/148341434>

[Environmental Justice: A Human Rights Issue – An Interfaith Perspective, TeleSeminar](#)

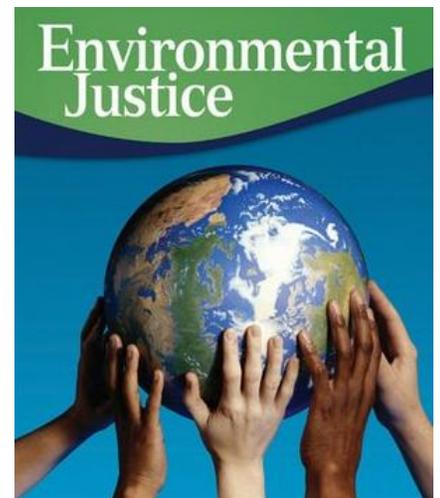
Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 7:00-8:00 pm, by phone

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

Click [HERE](#) or E-mail info@WisconsinIPL.org to register

Presenters Include:

- **Dr. Dan Weber**, Children's Environmental Health Sciences Center, Milwaukee & WIPL
- **Rev. Dr. Neddy Astudillo**, Parroquia San José, Beloit & WIPL
- **Huda Alkaff**, Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin & WIPL



We're More than Halfway to our Fundraising Goal for 2013!

Wisconsin IPL has received a matching grant from the Regeneration Project, the parent organization of the Interfaith Power and Light campaign. The project will match every dollar we receive in donations this year, up to \$7000. So far, we have received over four thousand dollars in gifts and grants.

Our heartfelt thanks to the generous individuals, congregations, and foundations that have contributed so far -- your gifts have been doubled! **But we still have a ways to go to reach our goal -- and we have only until December 1, 2013 to do it!**

In the coming year, we plan to present additional training workshops for the Cool Congregations program; hold a statewide conference on climate change, health, and social justice; offer more educational teleseminars and inspirational teleprayers, and continue to lift up faithful voices on behalf of just and sustainable energy and climate policies.

If you would like to help Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light start out strong in 2014, please send a check to WIP&L, 750 Windsor Street, Suite 301, Sun Prairie, WI 53590, **today**, or use the convenient PayPal donation button below. Thanks!



[WIPL Testifies for Climate Action at Chicago EPA Listening Session](#)

On November 8, 2013, WIPL's Board President traveled by bus and testified at the Chicago, IL, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) public listening session about the best Clean Air Act approaches to reducing carbon pollution from existing power plants.

Hundreds of residents from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin testified at the regional EPA office in Chicago, calling on officials to enact the strongest possible limits on carbon pollution from coal and gas-fired power plants. Wisconsin parents, community and faith leaders, public health advocates and clean energy innovators spoke out about the harsh effects of climate disruption in their communities.

Carbon pollution is the main cause of climate disruption. Wisconsin has been hard-hit by the impacts of climate disruption, including droughts, floods and Lake Michigan water levels at historic lows.

"As a person of faith, I believe it is our moral responsibility, for the benefit of our neighbors and future generations, to care for all that has been entrusted to us," said **Huda Alkaff**, President of Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light and Director of the Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin. "I urge the EPA to move forward with safeguards for existing power plants so that we can reduce carbon pollution as quickly as possible to address climate change, protect human health, and care for all of Creation." See <http://www.wispolitics.com/index.iml?Article=309795>

[Send Your Comments to EPA!](#)

EPA is accepting input through the [Contact Us](#) page or at carbonpollutioninput@epa.gov



7th Wisconsin Interfaith TelePrayer for Earth / Climate Change

Thursday, February 6, 2014, 12:00-12:40 pm, by Phone

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

To register, please e-mail info@WisconsinIPL.org

[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, peaceful and sustainable future for all.

Presenters include:

- Father Edward Cook, Congregation of the Great Spirit, Milwaukee
- Rabbi Jonathan Biatch, Temple Beth El, Madison
- Rev. Marianne Cotter, Trinity United Methodist Church, Madison
- Mary Ellen Gevelinger, OP, Sinsinawa Dominicans, Sinsinawa
- Satpal Kaleka, Sikh Temple of Wisconsin, Oak Creek
- Muhammad Isa Sadlon, Islamic Society of Milwaukee
- Patty Kubala, Baha'i, Cedarburg
- Carol Waskovich, Interfaith Earth Network, Milwaukee
- Dr. Rebecca McAllister, Shambhala Buddhist, Windhorse Retreat Center, Plymouth & WIPL
- Rev. Nick Utphall, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Monona & WIPL
- Huda Alkaff, Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin & WIPL
- Dr. 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 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!



IPL's Cool Congregations Challenge

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](#).

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). See <http://www.coolcongregations.org/take-the-challenge/>

[2014 Preach-In on Climate Change](#)

Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light will have its annual Preach-In on Climate Change event in February 2014. See <http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/get-involved/preachin/>



Please start planning on preaching at your congregations and/or holding an event at your congregations in February 2014 as part of [Wisconsin Preach-In on Climate Change](#). E-mail info@wisconsinipl.org the details of this event so we can add it to Wisconsin Preach-In on Climate Change events. The events should NOT be limited to February 14-16, 2014 (can be before and/or after that weekend). See our list of events in 2013: <http://www.wisconsinipl.org/preachinonclimatechange.htm>

Our goal is to double the number of Preach-In on Climate Change events in Wisconsin in 2014!!
Your help is needed. Be creative.

Stop by WIPL's Display!

November 16, 2013, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, [Alberta's Oil Sands: A Visit to the Heart of the Industry](#) with Margaret Swedish, Urban Ecology Center Riverside Park Community Room, 1500 E. Park Pl., Milwaukee.

Cool Congregations Workshops Held in Manitowoc, Racine

In October and November, WIPL held two training workshops for the Cool Congregations program. Over thirty participants from ten congregations learned how this program, through small group meetings and a simple "carbon footprint calculator," can help member households reduce carbon pollution and save money. Thanks to Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Manitowoc, and Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Racine, for hosting these events! We are planning a Cool Congregations training workshop for Milwaukee in February and are looking to hold more in other parts of the state -- let us know if you'd like to have one near you!



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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.