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### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Wisconsin Interfaith Energy Awareness Month (October 2012)

Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light (WIPL) and the Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin celebrate the 6th Annual [Wisconsin Interfaith Energy Awareness Month](#) in October 2012.

Change the World, start with ENERGY STAR. Join us in the fight against global warming by taking the [ENERGY STAR Pledge](#).

Over the years 2007-2011, WIPL and the Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin successfully prevented **1,468,962 pounds (734 tons) of greenhouse gas emissions**. The main activity sponsored by the Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin was: **“Combating Global Warming and Poverty by Distributing Free ENERGY STAR Qualified Compact Fluorescent and LED Lights to the Poor and Needy.”** See <http://www.wisconsinipl.org/awards.htm>. This year, our goal is to reduce at least 350,000 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions.

Click [HERE](#) to help us reach our goal for this year!

Thank you for your support!

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**Time Is Running Out to Enter the [IPL Cool Congregations Challenge!](#)**

The Cool Congregation Challenge entry form requires only a short 250-500 word narrative with a great photo. AND, there are four categories to choose from:

- Energy Efficiency and Conservation
- Renewable Energy
- Grounds and Water Conservation
- Engaging Congregants and Communities

Your entry will qualify if you completed your project any time between October 21, 2011 and October 18, 2012. (It's OK if you started your project BEFORE this timeframe.)

VISIT: <http://www.coolcongregations.org> to ENTER!

[Here are some common projects](#) that will yield at least a 10% savings according to the EPA's Energy Star experts (you don't need a calculator to enter).

Your **story** is the most important thing -- what happened, who was involved, what was the impact? [Here are some of the winning stories from previous years](#). And [other Cool Congregations inspiration](#) can be found here.



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## Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light Sponsors Ground for Hope-Wisconsin

Sunday, Oct. 21, 2:00-8:00 pm  
Islamic Society of Milwaukee Community Center  
815 West Layton Ave, Milwaukee

Monday, Oct. 22, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Archbishop Cousins Center  
3501 South Lake Drive, St. Francis

Do you want to enrich your worship, preaching and teaching?  
Attract and engage new and younger members?  
Offer a vital public witness about protecting the earth?

If yes - Ground for Hope-Wisconsin is for you.

**Attend a WIPL "Cool Congregations" workshop on Sunday afternoon, October 21, 2012.**

[Register for Ground for Hope-Wisconsin  
Workshop & Tour Descriptions](#)  
[Speaker/Presenter Bio-Sketches](#)  
[Schedule](#)  
[List of Co-Sponsors](#)

Winona LaDuke, the internationally recognized Native American speaker and activist, will be the keynote speaker for the Oct. 21-22 event in Milwaukee. A Harvard graduate and Ms. Magazine Woman of the Year, LaDuke has founded and led Native American organizations that work for environmental protection and women's well-being.

[Learn more about Ground for Hope - Wisconsin.](#)

[Register for Ground for Hope-Wisconsin NOW -- registration ends this week!](#)

Ground for Hope – Wisconsin is designed for clergy, seminarians, and lay leaders from diverse religious traditions statewide and beyond. Compelling local and national speakers will empower participants to enrich their preaching, teaching, worship and advocacy on behalf of Earth.

The program includes an Iftar dinner (Iftar is the meal for breaking the fast for Muslims) and a variety of local eco-tours, as well as workshops, plenary speakers, displays, and worship.

Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light is a co-sponsor of Ground for Hope – Wisconsin, which is organized by [GreenFaith](#), the [Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee](#) and its Interfaith [Interfaith Earth Network](#). It is part of GreenFaith's national series of Ground for Hope events.

Questions? Contact GreenFaith's Rev. Fletcher Harper at [revfharper@greenfaith.org](mailto:revfharper@greenfaith.org) or the Interfaith Conference of Milwaukee's Interfaith Earth Network's Terri Lowder at [tlowder@wi.rr.com](mailto:tlowder@wi.rr.com)



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Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light invites you to...

### [\*\*Energy Star for Worship Facilities Teleseminar\*\*](#)

Wednesday October 31, 2012, 12 Noon-1 pm

Speakers:

- Jerry Lawson, National Manager, ENERGY STAR Small Business & Congregations Network, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and
- Steve Bell, Portfolio Manager, ENERGY STAR Small Business & Congregations Network, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Representatives from some recognized Wisconsin ENERGY STAR congregations will share their experience.

This teleseminar is in celebration of the 6th Wisconsin Interfaith Energy Awareness Month (October 2012), organized by Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light and the Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin.

[Register online](#) or send an email to [info@wisconsinipl.org](mailto:info@wisconsinipl.org)

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### **Report on the 2nd Interfaith TelePrayer on September 12, 2012, 12:00 pm-12:45 pm**

There were about 30 registrants from the following Wisconsin cities or towns: Elm Grove, Glendale, Kewaskum, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Madison, Mequon, Monona, Pewaukee, Racine, Random Lake, Stevens Point, Thiensville, West Bend.

To listen to the interfaith teleprayer event, click [HERE](#)

Comments about the event:

*"Thank you so much for this gift of time, holy wisdom, and shared prayer. As I said, sitting out here on my back steps, looking at the woods, it was a particularly special time for me. I looked up at the light and the trees, as Urmila spoke of light; I enjoyed the flowers and the woods as Dan shared the story of God's good creation; I felt the breeze as Don read what is one of my favorite psalms; felt such gratitude for this time of unity as Sister Maureen prayed; and just closed my eyes to enjoy this quiet space as Huda read from the Qur'an." Rev. Susan Zencka, Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church, Stevens Point*

*"...with gratitude to each one of you for your contributions to today's prayer. I have the very real sense that the more we do this kind of reflection and action together, the more we send out healing energy to Earth and all her creatures." Sister Maureen McDonnell, O.P., Wisdom's Well Interfaith Spirituality Center, Madison*

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## Recordings of WIPL's Teleseminars and Interfaith Teleprayers for Earth Are Online

- [Interfaith TelePrayers](#)
- [The Health Effects of Climate Change TeleSeminar](#)
- [Coal and the Hidden Threat to Health TeleSeminar](#)

You can also find online Dr. Wendy Ring's [slideshow and notes](#) on the health effects of climate change and an [interview with Dr. Alan Lockwood](#) about the health effects of coal.

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## Help WIPL Reach Its Fundraising Goal!

Go to WIPL's [Facebook](#) page and "Like" us or go to [Twitter](#) and "Follow" us! The Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin will donate \$1 for each NEW FAN of WIPL on [Facebook](#) or each NEW FOLLOWER of WIPL on [Twitter](#). Each \$1 will be matched by another \$1 from Interfaith Power & Light. Please spread the word to your friends and family and "Like" and "Follow" WIPL!

(Donations can also be made directly to WIPL by mailing a check to the address at the end of this newsletter. These will also be matched by Interfaith Power & Light.)

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**Sign the [WIPL Statement on Global Climate Change](#)**

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