



## ETHICAL ENERGY

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### [REGISTER NOW!](#) COOL CONGREGATIONS TRAINING EVENT

**Cool Congregations Training Event**  
Saturday, October 1, 2011, 12 noon-3 p.m.  
[St. Stephen's Lutheran Church](#)  
5700 Pheasant Hill Rd, Monona

**Help your congregation care for creation and save money!**  
**Learn how to conduct a Cool Congregations program in your church.**

For more information, go to: <http://www.wisconsinipl.org/wiplcoolcongregations.htm>

EXTENDED DEADLINE: REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, Sept. 28

PLEASE NOTE: If you are interested but unable to attend this event because of the time, date or location, please let us know what would work for you! Take our [POLL](#)

Listen to a [Wisconsin Public Radio story](#) on Cool Congregations

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### COOL CONGREGATIONS CHALLENGE -- \$1000 PRIZE!

[Cool Congregations Challenge](#) is a contest with prizes to recognize congregations who care about Creation and the climate. **Top cash prizes of \$1,000** will go to winning contestants in four categories: energy efficiency, renewable energy, grounds and water conservation, and inspiring congregants to lower energy use at home.

Projects of any size completed in the last year between October 20, 2010 and October 20, 2011 qualify. A complimentary entry guide is available on the website. There is no fee to enter the contest. **Entries due by October 20, 2011.** Visit: [www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/challenge2011](http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/challenge2011)

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## IMPORTANT EVENTS

Saturday, September 24, 2:00 p.m.

### **Kick the Coal Habit Carnival and Rally**

Brittingham Park, 410 S. Brittingham Pl., Madison

Co-sponsored by WIPL. Join us for this family friendly event that will feature a ball game, face-painting, and our giant inflatable coal plant as we encourage families to speak out for cleaner air by recording videos, getting their picture taken with a tailored message to President Obama, and signing a card to urge the EPA to enact stronger soot and smog rules. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact [Elizabeth.Ward@sierraclub.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Ward@sierraclub.org)

Saturday, September 24, noon to 4 pm

### **Lake Country Moving to Solar – Gala Event**

Lake Country Universalist Church

W299 N5595 Grace Drive (corner of County Highways K and E), Hartland, WI.

Church Solar Panel Dedication, WIPL Exhibit. [More information](#)

**Find other [MovingPlanet Rally](#) events in Wisconsin.**

Saturday, October 1, 2011, 12 noon-3 p.m.

### **[Cool Congregations Training Event](#)**

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

5700 Pheasant Hill Rd, Monona

(See above article in this newsletter.)

Sunday, October 16 and Monday, October 17, 2011

### **“Water: A Sacred gift of Life: Sustaining it for All” An Interfaith Conversation**

Siena Retreat Center, 5635 Erie Street, Racine

Co-sponsored by WIPL. Keynote speakers: the Rev. Dr. Clare Butterfield, Executive Director of Faith in Place and Illinois IPL; Dr. Peter McIntyre, Assistant Professor, Center for Limnology, UW-Madison. Workshops, interfaith panel, and exhibits. [More information](#).

Thursday, October 13, 2011, 5:30 – 8:00 PM

### **Capturing Wisconsin's Clean Energy Future**

Lakeshore Technical College, 1290 North Avenue, Cleveland, WI 53015.

Co-sponsored by WIPL. Join us for a campus renewable energy tour and panel discussion with area business, labor, and educational representatives to learn about how investing in energy efficiency and renewables can reap rewards for homeowners, career paths for students, and put our communities back to work. For more information, contact [Elizabeth.Ward@sierraclub.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Ward@sierraclub.org) or call (608) 256-0565

Sunday December 11, 2011, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

### **“Environmental Justice: A Human Rights Issue”**

Islamic Society of Milwaukee, 4707 S. 13th St. (13th and Layton), Milwaukee.

Co-sponsored by WIPL. Free Admission. With Kimberlee Wright, Executive Director, Midwest Environmental Advocates. Interfaith panel, Cleaner Valley Coalition and exhibits. [RSVP](#) by Friday December 2, 2011 is appreciated. [More information](#).

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## WIPL LAUNCH EVENT – A GREAT SUCCESS!



Over seventy persons attended the official “Launch” of Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light” at Holy Wisdom Monastery on Sunday, May 15.

Participants toured Holy Wisdom – one of the greenest buildings in the nation, with a Platinum Certification from LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

Sarah Webb, founder of IPL’s Cool Congregations Program recounted the founding of IPL and Cool Congregations, and led participants in envisioning how we can all work together to achieve a just and

sustainable energy future in the coming decades.

John Young from WE Energies described some of the energy-saving programs offered by the utility, and Dan Dietrich of Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church (Stevens Point) told about the formation and activities of that congregation’s “Green Team.”

Exhibits and refreshments gave attendees an opportunity to network and learn more about what they can do to reduce the carbon footprint of their homes and faith communities.

See more [photos](#) of the event.



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*WIPL Partner profile:*

### **ISLAMIC ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP OF WISCONSIN PROMOTES GREEN RAMADAN**

A Time for Renewal and Renewable Energy: Celebrating the 5 “Rs”: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Renewable Energy in Ramadan!

Ramadan, which began on August 1, 2011, is the Islamic spiritual month of daily fasting from food, water and other drinks, etc. from dawn till sunset. It is a time for spiritual renewal, purification, love and generous giving.

The [Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin](#), a volunteer group formed in 2005, is promoting the Green Ramadan Initiative, by offering donations to local Mosques to cover expenses to enroll in the voluntary Energy for Tomorrow and Green Power Tomorrow Renewable Energy Programs offered by the electric utilities.

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