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Support EPA Carbon Pollution Safeguards

Join us in sending a comment to the EPA in support of their historic carbon pollution safeguards for new power plants.

Fossil-fuel burning power plants currently emit more than two billion tons of carbon pollution and other toxic pollutants into the air each year. This pollution fuels global warming and increases the number of unhealthy air days, resulting in more respiratory ailments, heart attacks, asthma attacks, and other harmful health effects.

Meanwhile, big polluters are spending millions on lobbying, lawsuits, and a media campaign to confuse the public and get Congress to block the EPA's action.

This is why we need your help. Please send in your comment of support to the EPA today.

Interfaith Power & Light, together with our allies in the environmental and public health communities, are collecting an unprecedented two million comments, like yours, to ensure the new standards take effect as soon as possible. Let us leave no doubt in anyone's mind that people of faith stand on the side of God's Creation, human health, and climate safety.

Draw Trees!

April 2012 is the 8th Annual Interfaith Earth Month Poster Contest for K-12 students. The theme is "TREE PLANTING" and the deadline is April 30, 2012. Interfaith Earth Month is organized and sponsored by WIPL and the Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin.

WIPL Exhibits

WIPL had an exhibit booth at the **6th Annual Nelson Institute Earth Day Conference**, Monday 4/16/12, Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center, Madison.

Stop by WIPL's display table at the **Earth Day Celebration** organized by the **Sierra Club Great Waters Group**, 5:00-7:30 pm, Friday 4/20/12, Riverview Room at the Muellner Building, Hart Park, 7300 W. Chestnut, Wauwatosa.

On Saturday 4/21/12, 10:00 am-3:00 pm, WIPL is an exhibitor at the **Green Fair: Sustainable Living for the Whole Family**, Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church, Hartland. See you there!

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 5/24/12, Gateway Technical College, 1001 South Main Street, Racine Building Conference Center, Rms. 102-104, Racine, Wisconsin.

WIPL Cool Congregations Workshops

On Saturday 5/5/12, WIPL will present a Cool Congregations workshop at the South **Central Synod of Wisconsin (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) Synod Assembly**, at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells. WIPL will also have materials on display both days of the event.

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.

Global Day of Prayer for Creation Care

The 3rd Day of Prayer for Creation Care will be held Thursday April 26, 2012 and will be hosted in Washington DC and have a global focus. Learn how you can be a partner in prayer and find creation care prayer resources. The Global Day of Prayer for Creation Care is sponsored by the Evangelical Environmental Network and many other organizations.

"Journey of the Universe" – Film Viewing and Discussion

Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.
Anderson Auditorium in Predolin Hall
1000 Edgewood College Drive, Madison
No cost – open to the public

Guest Facilitator: Margaret Swedish, author of "Living Beyond the 'End of the World: A Spirituality of Hope"

For more information, contact Maureen Mcdonnel at mcdonnel@edgewood.edu or 608-257-1259

From Bill McKibben, 350.org: Create a Climate Dot

Dear Friend,

Across a world divided in so many ways, one of the things that—sadly—unites us is the increasing damage from increasing temperatures. So far science has been in the lead in sounding the alarm, and the insurance industry (the part of our economy we ask to analyze risk) has not been far behind. Now we need faith communities the world over to step up and do their part in reading, like Daniel, "the writing on the wall."

On the weekend of May 4 - 6 (Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, depending on when your faith community gathers), we'll help organize a huge global day of witness…. Read more

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