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[80 Wisconsin Religious Leaders from 16 Faith Traditions Support Carbon Pollution Standards](#)

Nearly 400 signatures of leaders from diverse religious and faith-based organizations throughout the Midwest, including 80 representing 16 denominations and communities throughout Wisconsin, signed a letter to the White House and the Environmental Protection Agency in support of the first-ever federal limits on carbon pollution at American power plants. The letter can be viewed [here](#).



[TeleSeminar: Reducing Cost of Solar through Group Buy](#)

On Monday, June 9, 2014, 12-1 pm, WIP&L and the [Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin](#) present a teleseminar on Reduce the Cost of Solar through Group Purchase Programs. **Register [HERE](#)**



Learn how to bring neighborhoods together to purchase solar as a community to reduce the cost, ensure quality installs, and create a lasting, stable solar market. Learn best practices and gain tools and resources to start a group buy program in your own community. This teleseminar will include best practices and lessons learned from community solar group buy programs. It's easier than you think. The resources provided in this session will help you find the right partners in your community to increase solar installations and improve the environment.

Presenter: Amy Heart, City of Milwaukee Solar Program Manager

At the Midwest Renewable Energy Association 25th Energy Fair, Custer, WI, June 20-22, 2014: See [Program Guide](#)

Religious Perspective on Climate Change: Representatives of four major world religions will each reflect on climate change issues from within their religious tradition. Members of Baha'i, Jewish, Christian and Muslim faith communities will discuss how they view human-caused global climate change and how their religions encourage their members to respond to it. Huda Alkaff, Mary Bratz, Leo Jacoby and Larry Weiser, Interfaith Community for the Earth; Dick Stephens, Facilitator. Saturday, 6/21/14, 3:00 p.m. in Black Tent.

An Interfaith Conversation on Climate Justice and Peace: Climate disruption is fueling the fires of injustice and human conflict. Come join us in an interfaith conversation about climate change and its effects on global peace and justice. Huda Alkaff, Director of the Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin, Program Chair of Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light. Sunday, 6/22/14, 2:00 p.m. in White Tent.

Reports:

[Food and Faith: A Conversation with Dr. Vandana Shiva](#)

On April 5, 2014, several WIP&L board members (including Huda Alkaff and Rev. Dr. Neddy Astudillo, to the right and left of Vandana Shiva in photo) participated in "Food and Faith: A Conversation with Vandana Shiva", Beloit College, Beloit.

It was a very informative session and lively discussion. Dr. Vandana Shiva is a world-renowned sustainability activist –middle in photo-.



WIP&L Representatives and Friends in Washington DC as Advocates for Clean Air and Climate Justice!

Peter Bakken and Huda Alkaff, together with representatives from 40 states, attended the national [Interfaith Power and Light](#) (IPL) conference in Washington DC, May 4-7, 2014. On May 7, lobby day, they met with several Wisconsin senators and representatives to advocate for clean air, energy efficiency and climate justice. [Photo, R, At the Capitol with Rev. Sally Bingham, IPL Founder & President].

On June 22-24, 2014, several WIP&L friends will attend the International Citizens' Climate Lobby in Washington DC. See <http://citizensclimatelobby.org/2014-international-conference/>



[WIP&L 15th Anniversary Celebration: Climate Stewardship Conference](#)

Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light (formerly Wisconsin Interfaith Climate and Energy Campaign –WICEC-) celebrated its 15th Anniversary on Sunday, May 18, 2014 with an Interfaith “[Climate Stewardship: Sustainability, Eco-Justice and Well-Being](#)” Conference at Central United Methodist Church (CUMC) in Milwaukee. Doors opened at 1 pm with 18 exhibits, building tour, silent auction and refreshments. The program began at 2 pm with a joint CUMC and WIP&L welcome. Ten diverse faith leaders presented the opening interfaith prayers. Two national Interfaith Power and Light “Cool Congregations Challenge” winners were honored: [All Peoples Lutheran Church, Milwaukee](#) and [Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross, Green Bay](#). WICEC and WIP&L founding members and friends were recognized with certificates.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Calvin B. Dewitt, Professor Emeritus, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, UW-Madison and Co-Founder of the Evangelical Environmental Network. Five workshops were presented: Interfaith Environmental Justice (presented by Midwest Environmental Advocates, Milwaukee Inner-Congregations Allied for Hope, Jewish Wisconsin Initiative for a Sustainable Environment, Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin, Interfaith Earth Network); Climate Communications (presented by Citizens Climate Lobby); Wisconsin Climate and Energy Challenges (presented by Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters and Clean Wisconsin); Green Buildings and Green Schools (presented by Wisconsin Green Building Alliance); and Cool Congregations (presented by WIP&L). See conference [program](#) and [schedule](#). The conference was co-sponsored by our Renewable Energy Advocates: Eco-Justice Center of Racine and the Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin, and our Supporters: Edgewood College Sustainability Leadership Program; Interfaith Earth Network, a Program of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee; Jewish Wisconsin Initiative for a Sustainable Environment; Midwest Environmental Advocates; Open Circle Unitarian Universalist Fellowship; Racine Dominicans Earth Committee; Wisconsin Council of Churches. Thank you!

On Saturday, May 17, 2014, there was a free public showing of the documentary “Chasing Ice” at CUMC, followed by a discussion led by WIP&L and 350Milwaukee. The event was sponsored by the Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin and WIP&L.

See event photos on our facebook page, [here](#) and [here](#)

Thank 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.