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The Health Effects of Climate Change, 8/29/12, 7 pm, TeleSeminar

Dr. Wendy Ring warns of dangers of climate change to U.S. public health with cross-country bike tour

Dr. Wendy Ring, a 56-year old family physician, is riding a bicycle across the country this summer to draw attention to the health impacts of climate change and passing by Wisconsin in her bike route, she will be the guest speaker at a **teleseminar** "The Health Effects of Climate Change" on **Wednesday 8/29/12, 7:00 pm Central Time**, hosted by the [Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light](http://www.wisconsininterfaithpowerandlight.org). Persons who wish to participate can e-mail info@WisconsinIPL.org to register.

Annually, thousands of U.S. emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and deaths can be attributed to climate change. The American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Family Practice have all issued warnings that climate change is harmful to the health of the American people and call for the rapid reduction of carbon dioxide emissions.

"I'm deeply concerned that our government is not responding to the alarms being sounded by the medical and scientific community," says Dr. Wendy. "The International Panel on Climate Change and our own federal agencies such as NASA, the EPA, and the CDC predict that if we continue 'business as usual,' global average temperature will increase 7 to 11 degrees by the end of the century with drastic consequences for human health."

"Twenty five years as a family doctor have taught me how to translate science into plain English and help people make changes to improve their health. In the tradition of Paul Revere, my husband and I are riding around the country to wake people up to the danger we face and move clean energy to the top of our national agenda." Dr. Wendy and her husband started in July from Oregon in the Pacific Northwest riding a tandem bicycle and aim to reach Washington DC by the end of September.

Dr. Wendy Ring is a graduate of Yale and Columbia Universities and holds a Doctorate in Medicine and a Masters Degree in Public Health. Formerly the medical director of an innovative mobile clinic in rural northern California, she has been recognized for her contributions to health care for the underserved.

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