



For Immediate Release: **Interfaith Groups
Sponsor Interfaith Prayer for Earth via
Teleconference, September 12**

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[Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light](#) (WIPL) and the [Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin](#) are hosting a series of conference calls in which people from all over Wisconsin can join in praying for a just, healthy, and sustainable future for all.

The second Interfaith TelePrayer is scheduled for Wednesday September 12, 2012, 12:00-12:45 pm. Anyone interested is invited to be part of these calls and can register at <http://wisconsinipl.org/interfaithteleprayer.htm>, e-mail info@WisconsinIPL.org, or call 262-335-6533. . Persons who [register](#) will be sent the call-in information.

Prayer Leaders and Presenters on the Wednesday September 12, 2012 Interfaith TelePrayer are:

- Rev. Meru Doug Szper, Still Point Zen Center, Random Lake, WI
- Urmila Bharadwaj, The Hindu Temple of Wisconsin, Pewaukee
- Dr. Dan Weber, Congregation Anshe Sfard Kehillat Torah, Milwaukee & WIPL
- Rev. Susan Zencka, Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church, Stevens Point & WIPL
- Rev. Don Niederfrank, St. John's United Church of Christ, Random Lake
- Pastor Nick Utphall, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Monona & WIPL
- Sister Maureen McDonnell, O.P., Wisdom's Well Interfaith Spirituality Center, Madison
- Sister Janet Weyker, O.P., Eco-Justice Center, Racine & WIPL
- Huda Alkaff, Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin & WIPL

“As the consequences of climate change become all too obvious; as we take action to reduce our own carbon emissions; and as we work for sustainable energy and climate policies, we need spiritual sustenance and the support of companions on our journey,” said Dr. Peter Bakken, Director of Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light.

These calls (lasting one half-hour or less) will include prayers offered by religious leaders from varied faith traditions, followed by time for comments, sharing, and other responses. The third interfaith teleprayer is currently being planned for October 2012.

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Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light works 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. <http://wisconsinipl.org/>

The Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin intends to educate its members, the Muslim community and the general public about the Islamic environmental teachings, to apply the Islamic environmental teachings in daily life and to form coalitions with interfaith environmental organizations in Wisconsin working toward a just and sustainable future. <http://islamicenvironmentalgroup.org/>