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NATIONAL PREACH-IN ON GLOBAL WARMING FEBRUARY 10-12, 2012

Loving Creation:
From Valentine's Day to Easter

Interfaith Power & Light invites clergy of all religions, lay leaders, and green team members from across the country to participate in the National Preach-In on Global Warming over Valentine's Day weekend, **February 10-12, 2012**. IPL offers plenty of resources to download to help you prepare your activity, sermon or reflection, and you can sign up for Preach-In right up until Valentine's Day weekend.

[For more information and to sign up](#)

11X15

For safer, healthier communities



The Call to Reduce Wisconsin's Prison Population to 11,000 by the end of 2015 for a Safer, Healthier State

Kick off Event
February 20th
12:00 pm at the Capitol
Meet at [Grace Episcopal Church](#) at 11:00am

The 11X15 Campaign to decrease the number of incarcerated



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A Retreat for Lay Leaders Sabbath in Everyday Life

With Judy Nolde
Saturday, March 24, 2012
from 9am to 3 pm at
First United
Methodist Church,
Madison

people in Wisconsin and promote alternatives to incarceration is a project of WISDOM. WISDOM includes nine congregation-based justice organizations across the state.

- The vast majority of prison inmates have no history of violence. They suffer from mental illness and/or addictions.
- Wisconsin incarcerates a higher percentage of its citizens than neighboring states with no increase in public safety.
- Aside from the human cost of overincarceration, Wisconsin's prison costs have skyrocketed from \$400 million in 1990 to 1.3 Billion in 2011.

To have a safer, healthier state, we must reduce Wisconsin's prison population to 11,000 by the end of 2015.

Join policy makers, spiritual leaders and professionals to hear the evidence so we can make responsible, effective, and moral decisions to create a safer, healthier community.

For more info call 608.270.9711 Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice.



Sign-up to participate in the 2012 Ecumenical Lenten Carbon Fast now! By engaging in these activities, you and your church can reduce your carbon footprint. Daily email messages will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and continue through Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012.

Last year, over 6,000 people the world over welcomed a day-by-day opportunity to fast from carbon as their Lenten discipline. Initiated by the UCC and endorsed by Episcopalians, people of every Christian perspective - and people who were not Christians - benefitted from this opportunity to become more conscious and conscientious in their daily lives.

[For more information and to sign up](#)



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS -
WISCONSIN
Election Observer Initiative**

The League of Women Voters in Wisconsin is building a statewide network of volunteers to serve as **Election Observers** in the coming

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**Support for WCC Now and in
the Future**

**Most people supply financial
support for the work of WCC
by writing a check.**

**Did you know you can
donate online at**

www.wichurches.org

**You can also offer a gift of
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advantages for you. When
making your personal
financial plans, consider a
gift to WCC in the form of a
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First name, last name, city and

year.

This is a nonpartisan, nonconfrontational role to observe, record and report what happens at polling places on election days, beginning on April 3rd.

Anyone can volunteer who -

- Can spend 6-7 hours (or all 13) at a polling place
- Is willing to attend a 2-hour online training session prior to the election
- Agrees to mail in a report following the election
- Preferably has a cell phone

The League of Women Voters will provide:

- Nonpartisan detailed materials and instructions
- Online training
- Numbers to call on election day to report problems.

Election Observers are needed for April 3rd. If you are interested in being part of this important team, please go to www.lwvwi.org. Complete the Election Observer Volunteer Form and submit it to the League. We'll follow up with materials, training, and contacts.

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for the
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of the
Church and the
healing and reconciliation
of the world.***