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**Climate Change Campaign 2001**  
For Religious Communities

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**Global Warming Conference to Examine Religious Responses**  
**Sunday, July 22, at Marquette University**

Global warming and interfaith response will be the focus of a major conference, Sunday, July 22, at the Marquette University Alumni Memorial Union, featuring Dr. Dan Maguire, Marquette ethics professor. He will outline how the major faiths of the world are responding to rapid climate change. The gathering is open to all interested persons.

Based on his recent book, "Sacred Energies: Faith Responds To A Planet in Peril," Maguire will survey how the world's historic religions are dealing with the global environmental crisis. A panel representing the Jewish, Buddhist, and Christian traditions will respond to his address. Panel participants include Rabbi Dena Feingold, Kenosha; Rev. Toshu Neatrou, Milwaukee Zen Buddhist Center; and Fr. Ed Eschweiler, Milwaukee.

In addition to the faith perspective, scientists Bart Adrian, Fox 6 News Meteorologist, and Dr. Dan Weber, UW-Milwaukee biologist, will outline what science knows or is projecting regarding global climate change and its impacts. A speaker yet to be confirmed will address policy and political dimensions.

Following the speakers, workshops will outline responses congregations and individuals can make to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and conserve energy, and take action to advocate for a sustainable future.

Workshop leaders include Mike Mangan of the Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light Co. who will present alternative energy options for homes and congregations, Wayne Stroessner will explain the coming "hydrogen economy," and Fr. Mike Crosby, and Dr. Dave Steffenson will discuss business and corporate responsibilities.

Practical information will be presented about what congregations and individuals can do to reduce their utility bills and slow global warming, as well as

educational and advocacy resources for religious groups. There will also be displays on energy savings measures, hybrid cars, and various action options.

The conference begins at 11:00 with an optional interfaith worship which includes a presentation of "The Creation" by storyteller Mary Helena, Milwaukee, and prayers of various faith traditions. Registration is from 12:00 to 1:00 PM when the conference begins with Maguire's keynote address. A supper will be served at 5:00 p.m. with workshops following and ending at 8:30 p. m.

The cost of the conference is \$15 including supper and refreshments with scholarships available. Kosher and vegetarian options are available. Registration may be made by calling the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, 414-276-9050, fax at 414-276-8442, or by mail to the Interfaith Conference Office, 1442 N. Farwell Ave., #200, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

The conference is sponsored by the Wisconsin Interfaith Climate Change Campaign, the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, Marquette University Dept. of Theology's "Interdisciplinary Minor in Environmental Ethics," Marquette Campus Ministry, and the Wisconsin Energy Corporation. It is open to persons of all faiths or no particular faith.

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