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			<h2>HIPL 2011 Lenten Calendar</h2>				
6	7	8	Education and Commitment: Commit to educate yourself about the spiritual dimensions of the climate crisis and to respond as a person of faith.				
<i>Lent is a season of reflection, personal sacrifice, and preparation for the celebration of the triumph of life over death. Hawaii Interfaith Power and Light invites you to celebrate this Lenten season by reflecting on the spiritual dimensions of the climate crisis, reducing your energy use on behalf of the environment, and advocating for a future where green, renewable energy sources finally break our dependence upon fossil fuels. May the suggestions in this calendar inspire you this season and throughout 2011.</i>			9 Visit hipl.org/links.html for a list of spiritual and secular resources, news, views, and information. Sign up for the Ecumenical Carbon Fast for daily meditations and advice. Also on Facebook .	10 Check out the new book Moral Ground , essays by religious leaders on our moral duty to respond to the climate crisis	11 Contact HIPL (hipl@hipl.org) to get Preaching for the Planet , interfaith sermonettes published by IP&L.	12 Subscribe to IPLTalk , the Interfaith Power & Light blog on how people of faith are responding to global warming	
Beginning the Journey: Begin your journey by deciding how you will make a difference this year personally and communally.							
13 Raise awareness in your community with a film series or book discussion . Visit hipl.org/library.html or hipl.org/links.html for suggestions	14 Take action to reduce the carbon footprint of your household or faith community. Visit hipl.org/resources.html for home and community resources.	15 Advocate on behalf of energy conservation and renewable energy policies. Visit hipl.org/links.html for sources of news and policy discussions.	16 Sketch a plan of action and share with your household or faith community leaders	17 Use the EPA Energy yardstick at www.epa.gov/yardstick to assess your home energy use	18 Visit the Energy Star congregations website to find out how to reduce your community's energy use and carbon footprint	19 Announce your plans for the community at your weekly faith community meeting	
Implementing the Plan: Start putting your plan in action at home and in your faith community.							
20 Film or Book Discussion Begin your book reading or film discussion series <i>Hint: food and fellowship go great together!</i>	21 Reduce Your Footprint Do the free and easy things first to reduce energy use: visit hipl.org/20things.html or 25 Simple Steps from the Iowa IPL for suggestions.	22 Advocate for the Planet Write down potential issues and policies that connect to your faith tradition Share the issues and actions you can take with your faith community	23 Refresh and Inspire Download the Web of Creation " Stewardship of Creation " devotion. Read the scriptures and prayers and connect them to your own Lenten journey.	24 Write down 5 reasons why a "carbon fast" reflects the principles and practices of your own faith tradition.	25 Choose the advocacy actions you want to take: petitions, writing letters, phone calls and visits, attending meetings or hearings, organizing a rally or demonstration	26 Faith Community Meeting Describe the actions you've started taking at your weekly faith community meeting	

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Get Everyone Involved: Now that you've gotten started it, get more in your household or community involved in the effort							
27 Film or Book Discussion Publicize your discussion series more widely, and get attendees to spread the work	28 Reduce Your Footprint Hold a community competition for the most documented energy savings. Contact HIPL for suggestions on prizes and funding	29 Advocate for the Planet Contact HIPL with your advocacy plan and we'll spread the word through our network, including the local media.	30 Refresh and Inspire Unplug yourself and take time to enjoy the beauty of God's Creation now that spring has officially started.	31 Give your automobile one day off each week! Walk, ride your bike, or take public transportation. Half of household energy use is transportation related.	1 Give up meat on Friday. It's not just an old Christian tradition, it saves water and energy and reduces animal sources of greenhouse gases	2 Plant a seed, start a garden, or shop at a local farmer's market this spring	April 2011
Keep Up the Good Work: Stay focused and encourage others to maintain their commitment							
3 Film or Book Discussion Discuss how the core of your religion or spirituality is linked to energy and climate issues	4 Reduce Your Footprint Remind yourself (and everyone else) that it takes 30 days to reshape our habits and thinking; keep at it!	5 Advocate for the Planet Send a final encouraging reminder to get those letters out, make those calls, and schedule those meeting!	6 Refresh and Inspire Read and share some of the great stories of communities putting their faith in action as stewards of Creation at www.ncecojustice.org/stories/	7 Donate unwanted items to a local organization for reuse. Even better, consider buying from them for your next household purchase.	8 Try making a meal that uses only locally grown foods. If going out, find a restaurant that features local ingredients.	9 Faith Community Meeting Encourage your community to stick with the program and begin documenting their accomplishments	
Reflect on Your Progress: Reflect on how you're doing and think about the next steps							
10 Film or Book Discussion Have the group explore how their faith tradition calls them to respond to the climate crisis	11 Reduce Your Footprint Document your progress in kW, CO ₂ , and \$ saved so far. Think about how to take your actions to the next level	12 Advocate for the Planet Have your community report in and share stories on calls, visits, letters, etc. Get ready for that final rally or demonstration!	13 Refresh and Inspire Renew your enthusiasm and commitment with some of the inspirational messages in Eco-Justice Notes by Peter Sawtell	14 Try washing your laundry on the cold setting. Practically all the energy used by a washing machine is to heat the water. Liquid detergents work fine in cold water.	15 Try to calculate the food miles for all the ingredients in a family meal, based on where you live and the state or country of origin for the food.	16 Faith Community Meeting Report in on the accomplishments of your Lenten program. Encourage everyone to maintain their commitment year-round.	
Celebrate and Prepare: Celebrate your accomplishments and prepare for the next phase in your journey of stewardship and care of Creation							
17 Film or Book Discussion Discuss the major theme that emerged from the discussion and how the community can take concrete steps to respond	18 Reduce Your Footprint Introduce your participants to the Cool Congregations program and discuss becoming a participating community.	19 Advocate for the Planet Discuss what was effective in your efforts and how you can build on that for the next issue or campaign	20 Explore how other faith traditions are responding to the climate crisis. Visit Interfaith Power and Light to see how this effort is not just ecumenical but truly interfaith.	21 Calculate your expected energy savings over the past 6 weeks. Compare that to what you had to spend to determine your "pay-back" period.	22 Reconsider the sacred act of eating and how our prayers and choices reflect our connection to food and the environment. How can you make eating a more mindful and planet-friendly ritual?	23 Faith Community Meeting May this joyous celebration be not the end but the beginning of new life and a new relationship with all of Creation	