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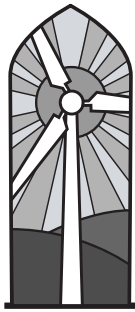
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A postcard and a phone call are incredibly powerful and important. If you would like to do more, work with your state Interfaith Power & Light to help your congregation and your home conserve energy and become more efficient. This will help reduce your global warming pollution and save money on your energy bills. Your state Interfaith Power & Light is working on many other programs for cool congregations. Get involved today!



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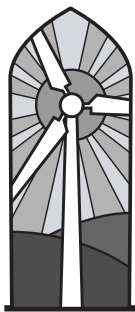
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