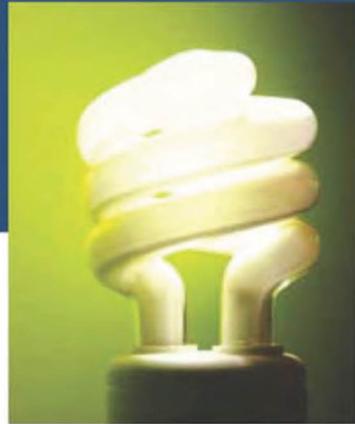


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www.ipjc.org/links/globalwarming.htm

This portion of the **Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center** provides links to faith-based groups and resources promoting energy efficiency and the care of God's creation.

"Churches find 'green' ways to cut utilities, save money." *Christian Telegraph*. April 4, 2009. Article is available at www.christiantelegraph.com/issue5595.html

"How To" Resources

www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=small_business.sb_congregations

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Online Databases and Lists

www.dsireusa.org

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www.bcap-ocean.org

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www.smartcommunities.ncat.org

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