



MASSACHUSETTS INTERFAITH

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EVERYTHING MUST CHANGE: ACTION CHECKLIST & PLEDGE

The publication last June of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment was timed to aid citizens in **demanding that their leaders take courageous actions to protect the poor and the planet**, according to Cardinal Peter Turkson, who heads the Vatican office that was lead drafter of the text.

For an Encyclical Climate Action kit, (free in English and Spanish) go to:

<http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/resources/pope-francis-encyclical-preview-and-resources/>

For a Study & Action Guide, homily helps, videos and more from the Catholic Climate Covenant go to:

http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/catholic_teachings/resources

A. I WILL BE HEARD AT COP21 IN PARIS—Nov. 30 through Dec. 11

I will pray for a strong universal climate treaty and for communities affected by climate disruption including the growing number of climate refugees.

- By joining the **#Pray4cop21** online Prayer Chain between now and the end of COP21 at:
<http://www.CatholicClimateMovement.global/pray4cop21#sthash.Zel9psol.dpu>

I will sign the petition asking world leaders to keep global temperatures to within 1.5 degrees Celsius of pre-industrial level.

- By signing the Catholic Petition at <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/petition/>
- Or I will sign the Interfaith Petition at:
http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51086/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=11630

I will tell my Congressional Representatives to fund the Green Climate Fund.

More than 30 countries have pledged \$10.2 billion to help poor and vulnerable countries adapt to the unavoidable impacts of climate change like sea level rise and extreme weather events.

- To tell your members of Congress to appropriate \$500 million (this year's U.S. pledge) for the Green Climate Fund go to:
http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50836/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=14018

B. I WILL HELP MASSACHUSETTS MEET ITS CLIMATE CHANGE MANDATES

1. **Putting a Price on Carbon.** This is a way to to correct the current market in which releasing carbon pollution—causing billions of dollars of property damage & worsening asthma and COPD—is essentially free. According to the IMF the failure of the market to effectively price emissions represents a \$5.3 trillion subsidy to fossil fuel companies, including \$2,180 per American per year.

Two bills in the MA Senate seek to capture the social costs of carbon emissions. S1747 sponsored by Sen. Mike Barrett proposes a “fee and rebate” system which returns all fees to taxpayers. S.1748 sponsored by Sen. Marc Pacheco expands the current cap & trade system & returns 80% of revenues to taxpayers.

For more information: <http://www.mipandl.org/advocate.html>

Contact Vince Maraventano, Exec. Dir., MA IP&L, at: vince@MIPandL.org

I will tell my state legislators to put a price on carbon.

- By supporting the Barrett Bill, S1747 at:
http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51243/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=16200
- Or by supporting the Pacheco Bill, S1748

2. **Mass Power Forward.** This is a coalition that supports increasing solar and wind energy; prohibits ratepayer payment for new gas pipelines or infrastructure; and assists workers and communities with retiring power plans to make the clean energy transition. Several bills promote these objectives.

For more information: <http://mapowerforward.com/Vision>

Contact Amy Benjamin or Lise Olney at: interfaithclimatecoalition@gmail.com

I will tell Governor Baker and my state legislators to support Mass. Power Forward.

At http://org.salsalabs.com/o/2155/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=1840

C. I WILL HELP MY FAITH COMMUNITY CHANGE TO MEET THE CLIMATE CRISIS.

- I will contact the leaders of my denomination, faith or congregation to ensure that issues of climate justice are emphasized.**
- I will tell my clergy person, rabbi or imam to address the issue of climate justice regularly during communal worship.**
- I will honestly face what stands in the way of actually changing my life and support the efforts of others in my faith community to do so.**

By participating in **4 Steps for the Planet** at <http://www.fourstepsforplanet.org/home/>

Retain one copy, and return one copy.

Go to <http://www.mipandl.org/everything-must-change.html> to access links electronically.