

Dear MIP&L members and friends,

**Saturday, April 29
To Change Everything, We Need Everyone
Boston People's Climate Movement Rally**



Join MA Interfaith Power & Light at 10:30 am on Saturday, April 29th, where we will be joining with MAICCA, (MA Interfaith Coalition for Climate Action) for an informal gathering and interfaith service before the People's Climate Mobilization rally!

This day brings together a diverse coalition of environmental, labor, community, youth, and faith organizations to call for solutions to the climate crisis that are rooted in racial, social, and economic justice. There will be a huge rally, along with workshops, presentations, and other activities, all on the Boston Common or nearby.

Schedule

- 10:30 am – Gather with MAICCA at the Arlington Street Church (351 Boylston Street). Sign-making and snacks in the Clarke Room.
- 11:00 am – MAICCA interfaith service in the sanctuary
- 11:30 am – Head to the rally on the Boston Common
- 12:00 pm – Rally for Jobs, Justice, and Climate on the Boston Common
- 1:00 pm – Action tables, activities, and art-making on Boston Common. **Teach-ins** on the connections between the climate fight and other struggles for justice (at indoor

spaces around the Common)

[Click here](#) for more information on what's happening throughout the day!

Want to help make it happen? [Click here](#) to volunteer!

Let us know that you are coming by [clicking here!](#)



People's Climate Movement Rally — Springfield, MA

Folks will be in the streets of Springfield in solidarity with other cities across the nation to show the world and our leaders that we will resist attacks on our people, our communities, and our planet.

3:00 pm: Gathering Rally, Federal Courthouse, 300 State Street

3:30 pm: March begins

4:30 pm: Rally at Springfield City Hall

Organized by [Climate Action Now](#)

Arise Springfield
& Springfield Climate Justice Coalition

[Click here](#) to register

[Click here](#) to like and share Facebook event

People's Climate Movement Rally — Greenfield, MA

April 29, 2017, 10:30am - 12:00pm

Greenfield Energy Park
50 Miles St.
Greenfield, MA 01301

PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MOVEMENT MARCH — Washington D.C.

The faith contingent will gather on Saturday, April 29 at 11 am for musical offerings and then to march! Assemble on 3rd St. NW, between Madison Dr. NW and Jefferson Dr. NW ([map here](#)).

Look for the pennant for your faith group.

Here's some information on [accessibility](#).

Sustainable House of Worship (SHOW) Workshop

**Saturday May 6, 2017
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
NH Episcopal Lay Leadership Institute
Rundlett Middle School
144 South Street
Concord, NH 03301**

Leading by example can be a powerful part of our moral responsibility to care for creation. We can reduce the carbon footprints at our houses of worship by up to 70% and also lower energy bills to free up funds needed for mission and ministry. Participants will **learn what to do about**:

- Electricity – How to recognize the major energy hogs – and what to do about them.
- Solar Power – Is solar an option for you?
- Heat & Air Conditioning – Is it time for an upgrade?
- Building Envelope – How to make your congregation more comfortable & save money.
- Behavior – How simple actions can reduce your energy bill – and carbon footprint – by 10% or more.

8:30 am: Registration, refreshments and networking.

9:00 am-3:00 pm: Workshop: Presenters are Bill Schroeder & Vince Maraventano

All faiths welcome!

Clergy, lay leaders, building & creation care committee members encouraged to attend. We recommend 2 attendees per house of worship. Lunch will be available but those registering after April 25 are asked to bring a sandwich just in case.

To register or for additional information call Lynn Eaton at (603) 224-1914x112

TECH STUDY

Come learn with other leaders — your peers from congregations across Massachusetts and beyond. Meet top experts with congregational experience in:

- Building envelope and insulation — stopping air & heat leaks
- HVAC system efficiency and settings
- Solar — on-site, off-site, and other affordable clean energy access
- Lighting efficiency
- Do-It-Yourself Barn-Raisings
- Project Planning & Fundings

2pm-6pm Sunday, May 7th at Temple Israel of Boston. Snacks provided.

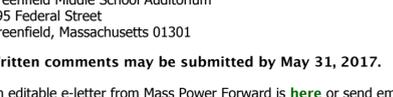
PLEASE REGISTER HERE: <https://tinurl.com/TechStudy5-2-2017> OR RSVP to David Lowe: dilowe@comcast.net or text 617-504-2006 with name, title, contacts.

Voluntary donation of \$20 per congregation with up to two representatives per congregation



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Stop Eversource from Raising Rates and Slowing Solar Progress!



Eversource is looking to nail down big profits for shareholders by raising rates 10.5% — which hurts all of us, and places a particular burden on low-income communities. To add insult to injury, they want to structure those increases in a way that discourages solar and energy efficiency. We need to be investing in clean energy, the grid and electric vehicles, but there's no reason that those investments should place a disproportionate burden on low-income communities.

The last public hearing before the Department of Public Utilities is:
April 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Greenfield Middle School Auditorium
195 Federal Street
Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301

Written comments may be submitted by **May 31, 2017**.

An editable e-letter from Mass Power Forward is [here](#) or send emails to: dpuefiling@state.ma.us; the DPU secretary: mark.marini@state.ma.us and the hearing officer for the case: Marc.Tassone@state.ma.us. Clearly mark that your email is for Eversource rate case — DPU 17-05

For the full analysis done by the Acadia Center click [here](#).

Baker Gets a Grade of "C" on Environmental Protection



In its annual review of state government's progress on the environment, the Environmental League of MA and other environmental non-profits gave the Baker Administration an overall grade of C concluding:

"While we saw some improvements this past year in a few areas, this progress is overshadowed by:

Environmental agencies that are struggling with deep budget cuts and drastic staff reductions.

A set of energy policies that continue to support the construction of gas pipelines which undermines good progress on energy efficiency and renewables.

A transportation system that likely won't be able to meet our citizens' future travel needs in ways that are consistent with the long range requirements of the Global Warming Solutions Act."

For a full copy of the report click [here](#).

Comment on EPA Regulatory Review Process by May 15th!!

In February, the president issued an executive order directing agencies to begin weakening and eliminating regulations. Then, in March, he issued an executive order to unwind much of President Obama's climate agenda. Trump has proposed a 30% reduction of EPA's budget and a 50% cut in important EPA science programs.

EPA has just announced a putatively "public" process for evaluating existing regulations that can be "repealed, replaced, or modified." Between April 24 and May 15, each office of EPA is staging meetings—**many of which are actually closed to the public and including only invited interest groups**—to solicit input about which regulations should be chopped or changed.

Please submit comments on the importance of retaining strong environmental regulations. Some key facts to consider:

- The Clean Air Act alone **prevents more than 160,000 premature deaths** and 1.7 million asthma attacks — every year — by delivering up to \$90 in public health benefits for every dollar invested in clean air.
- We have a **shared moral responsibility** to provide clean air, water and protect the earth for future generations.
- A solid majority — 61 percent — wants the EPA to be strengthened, expanded or kept at its current strength, a January Reuters poll found; just 19 percent want the agency weakened or eliminated.

How to Comment

You may submit comments in writing, using email, Docket or U.S. mail. Submit comments to:

Email: Laws-Regs@epa.gov

Docket: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190>

Mail: Office of Policy Regulatory Reform, Mail Code 1803A, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20460

Comment period ends May 15, 2017

RGGI Can Succeed in Spite of the Trump Administration



RGGI (The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative) was conceived as a bipartisan counterweight to the climate denial of George W. Bush's administration. Since RGGI was first implemented in 2009, it has helped to:

- Cut power plant carbon pollution by more than 40 percent;
- Create tens of thousands of jobs and more than \$2.9 billion in regional GDP growth;
- Prevent at least 8,200 asthma attacks, 39,000 lost work days, and 300 premature deaths resulting from power plant pollution

"Strong federal climate policies are vitally important. But in their absence, states and cities can fill the void. Even if President Trump were to successfully unravel the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan — something that is **far from a done deal** — the RGGI states' modeling shows that the impact would likely be minimal on RGGI and the economics of climate action in our region. In other words, the Trump administration **can't and won't stop** climate progress in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic (and beyond)." (From the NRDC)

The Future of Nature: The Energy We Need



Monday, May 1, 2017

Networking reception 5:30 p.m., Talk 6:30-8 p.m.
Microsoft New England Research and Development Center (NERD)
1 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, MA 02142

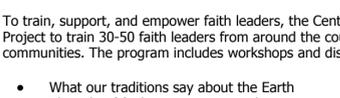
Tickets \$10 — includes sustainable hors d'oeuvres and drink
Reserve yours at <http://bit.ly/TheEnergyWeNeed>

What are the tools — technology, policy, markets and beyond — that will help us produce the clean energy we need in New England and globally?

PANEL INCLUDES:

Katherine Hamilton — Partner at 38 North Solutions and co-host of the Energy Gang Podcast
Jessika Trancik — Associate Professor of Energy Studies, MIT
Nels Johnson — Director of The Nature Conservancy's North America Energy Program
Dan Delurey, president of the Wadsworth Group, will moderate.

Mothers Out Front 4th Annual Luncheon



Ticket options include: Single Ticket; Table sponsor (10 tickets); Corporate and Organization sponsorship options!

WHEN
May 15, 2017 at 12:30pm - 2:30pm

WHERE
Revere Hotel Boston Common
200 Stuart St.
Theater District
Boston, MA 02116

[Google map and directions](#)

CONTACT Aimee Maruyama: aimee.maruyama@mothersoutfront.org

Ministry in the Time of Climate Change: A Multifaith Approach



To train, support, and empower faith leaders, the Center for Earth Ethics is partnering with the Climate Reality Project to train 30-50 faith leaders from around the country to better address the ecological crisis in their own communities. Their program includes workshops and discussions that will cover topics including:

- What our traditions say about the Earth
- The role of faith communities in disaster preparedness and recovery
- Case studies on environmental justice
- The scientific background of climate change
- Giving care for grief and despair
- Connections between ministries of mercy, justice and the environment

Eligibility:

Faith and Religious leaders serving their communities half or full time, are eligible.

Cost:

The program will cover housing (shared guest rooms) and meals at no cost to participants. Limited assistance may be available for participants unable to afford transportation to New York.

Where:

Union Theological Seminary, 3041 Broadway at 121st, New York, NY 10027

When:

June 5-7, 2017

Applications: Please click [here](#) and submit an application by **April 30, 2017**.

Applicants will be notified of decisions by mid-May.

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Peace and blessings,

Your friends at MIP&L