

Dear MIP&L members and friends,



### McKibben Urges Declaration of War

In a recent article, Bill McKibben declares that "It's not that global warming is like a world war. It is a world war. And we are losing." McKibben reminds us that the Paris agreement and the president's Clean Power Plan are not enough to solve the climate crisis. But there is hope! McKibben points out that Mark Z. **Jacobson**, an engineering professor at Stanford University and the director of its Atmosphere and Energy Department demonstrated conclusively that America could generate 80 to 85 percent of its power from sun, wind, and water by 2030, and 100 percent by 2050. Convincing people that it can be done is a major obstacle. Houses of worship provide visible reminders to the community of the dramatic improvements that can be made.

**St. Dunstan's Church** installed a photovoltaic solar system that is lowering its carbon footprint by 50% – 19 metric tons per year. MA IP&L has helped 25 houses of worship go solar in the past 4 years! [Learn about our Solar Power of Faith Communities Program.](#)

Solar isn't the only way to contribute to the war effort though. **St. Brigid's, Lexington** lowered its carbon dioxide emissions by 53 metric tons per year, and saved \$42,133 per year in energy costs, by upgrading to a high-efficiency heating system and installing state-of-the-art insulation.

Learn how your house of worship can achieve similar results by attending the Sustainable House of Worship workshop at Messiah Baptist Church on October 1st. See the next article for details!

## Sustainable House of Worship Workshop



Saturday October 1st, 2016  
8:30 am-12:30 pm

Messiah Baptist Church  
80 Legion Parkway  
Brockton, MA 02301  
[www.exploremessiah.org](http://www.exploremessiah.org)

LEARN HOW TO BECOME CREATION CARE LEADERS!

- Electricity — How to recognize the major energy hogs -- and what to do about them.
- Solar Power -- Is solar an option for your congregation?
- 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.

To register [click here](#).

Registration, networking and refreshments served at 8:30 am. Workshop begins at 9:00 am. The workshop fee is only \$20 per attendee. We recommend that 2 people from each congregation attend. Clergy, lay leaders, building & creation care committee members of all faiths welcome.

For more information contact Vince Maraventano at [vince@MIPandL.org](mailto:vince@MIPandL.org) or 617-244-0755.

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## Sustainability Summit 2016

Saturday September 17th, 2016  
8 am to 4:30 pm  
Smith College, Northampton, MA



Join local energy leaders and concerned citizens from across New England to learn, share, and work together to catalyze a new energy economy in our region that is based on clean sources, thriving local economies, and access for all.

Keynote speaker Sandra Steingraber, an acclaimed ecologist and author, will explore the links between human rights and the environment, with a focus on climate change, chemical contamination, and shale gas extraction via fracking. She takes a personal and scientific look at these issues and offers insights into how we can protect our environment and our communities.

Workshop tracks will be led by leaders thinking big about possibilities for access for all to clean energy.

- How can we protect our families from the health impacts of carbon-intensive energy?
- How can we make energy efficiency upgrades accessible for those who need it most?
- What are the rethoric models for financing locally-owned community energy projects?
- How can we rethink ownership of energy and envision an inclusive new energy system?

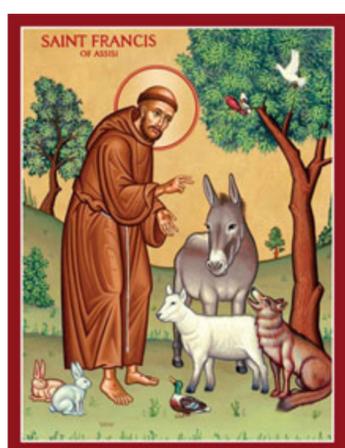
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## Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron of those who promote ecology. Catholic Climate Covenant is making available a free 2016 Feast of St. Francis (FOSF) 90-minute program guide.



In the spirit of St. Francis, this year's FOSF theme is "Dial Down the Heat: Cultivate the Common Good for our Common Home." By hosting this program you and your community will engage in constructive dialogue about our place in God's creation and the environmental impacts on the poor. Your experience can become a model for civil dialogue within and beyond your church community.

- The program guide includes:
- Facilitator's guide and PowerPoint presentation
  - Prayers
  - Short video with discussion questions
  - Suggested group activities
  - Advocacy activities
  - Resources

If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to be in touch at [info@catholicclimatecovenant.org](mailto:info@catholicclimatecovenant.org) or 202-756-5545.

[Download the Feast of St. Francis Program](#)



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Mass. Interfaith Power & Light provides a faith based response to global warming by helping people and faith communities to lower their carbon footprints and by advocating for public policies that fulfill our moral responsibility to create a sustainable future.

Please help us carry out this critical mission by going to [www.MIPandL.org](http://www.MIPandL.org), clicking on the DONATE button and making a secure, fully tax deductible donation.

Peace and blessings,

Your friends at MIP&L