

Dear MIP&L members and friends,

Sustainable House of Worship Workshop



Sunday October 15, 2017
1:30 – 5:30 PM
First Church of Christ Longmeadow
763 Longmeadow Street
Longmeadow, MA 01106

Leading by example can be a powerful part of our moral responsibility to care for creation. By reducing the carbon footprints at our houses of worship we also lower energy bills and free up funds needed for other important purposes. 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 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.

1:30 PM: Registration, refreshments and networking.

2:00 - 5:30 PM: Workshop: Presenters are Jim Nail, Tom Nutt-Powell and Bill Schroeder.

All faiths welcome!

Clergy, lay leaders, building & creation care committee members encouraged to attend. We recommend 2 attendees per house of worship. Light refreshments will be served. Fee is \$20 payable online through PayPal, or at the door by check.

Register in advance at <http://conta.cc/2rsBUAh>. Advance registration closes on October 11.

For more information contact Vince Maraventano at vince@MIPandL.org or 617-244-0755.

Sponsored by The Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, First Church of Christ in Longmeadow and the Springfield Area Interfaith Climate Action Coalition (SAICAN).

Unable to join us in Longmeadow on October 15th? Come to the SHOW Workshop on **Saturday, November 18, 2017** from 9:30 AM to 1 PM at Edwards Church, 39 Edwards Street, Framingham, MA 01701-3433.

SAVE THE DATE!



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We're Still In on the Paris Climate Agreement!

Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light Forum

Wednesday, November 1st, 7 – 9 PM

First Parish Framingham
24 Vernon Street
Framingham, MA 01701

- Why Carbon Pricing is Part of the Solution in Massachusetts
- Making Solar Energy Strong and Equally Available to All
- How Congregations are Acting to Realize the Paris Goals

Check: www.MIPandL.org for details in the near future.

Extreme Events and Climate Change: What We Know and What We Can Do



Leaving Houston during hurricane Harvey (from CNN)

Thursday, September 14 at 7 PM
Aquarium's Simons IMAX® Theatre

Dr. Ellen Douglas of UMass Boston, will discuss our changing climate, what changes may be in the future for Boston and beyond, and plans for how to adapt to these changes.

This event is the second in the [LWMA Climate and Energy Solutions Series](#), and is also part of the Aquarium's Lecture Series.

Free and open to the public.

Registration is required through the [Aquarium's website](#).

Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of MA; The League of Women Voters — Boston, The New England Aquarium, and UMass Boston School for the Environment.

Friends of the Earth Action: Campaign Workshop & Strategy Session



September 23rd, 11AM to 3 PM

First Church Cambridge
3 Church Street, Harvard Square
Cambridge, MA 02138 (near T subway stop & affordable parking)

RSVP [here](#).

For event updates see: http://bit.ly/Boston_training_Facebook

The Trump administration has been working to unravel decades of hard-fought victories for people and the planet. Friends of the Earth is holding workshops to help build local grassroots power to put pressure on Congress to stop Trump's attacks on people and the environment.

The goals of the workshop and strategy session are:

- To provide a space for activists to connect and develop strategies for how to protect our environment and
- To provide training on a range of grassroots organizing skills.

Solarize Plus UCC Burlington



September 10, 2017
Noon – 1 PM

UCC Burlington
6 Lexington St.
Burlington, MA

The reduction of fossil fuel use is critical for the health of our people and planet.

ReVision Energy will introduce the Solarize Plus UCC Burlington program, which will outline ways to transition to clean energy and take advantage of bulk discounts in the process. Solarize Plus UCC Burlington is open to all friends and family of the church. To receive a discount, a contract must be signed by December 31, 2017.

As an added incentive, ReVision Energy will install a free electric vehicle charging station at UCC Burlington, if 25 or more participants join the program.

For more information contact Dave Ierardi at David.Ierardi@protonex.com.

Greening Your Parish: A Catholic Call to Action for Creation



Sponsored by the Boston Catholic Climate Movement

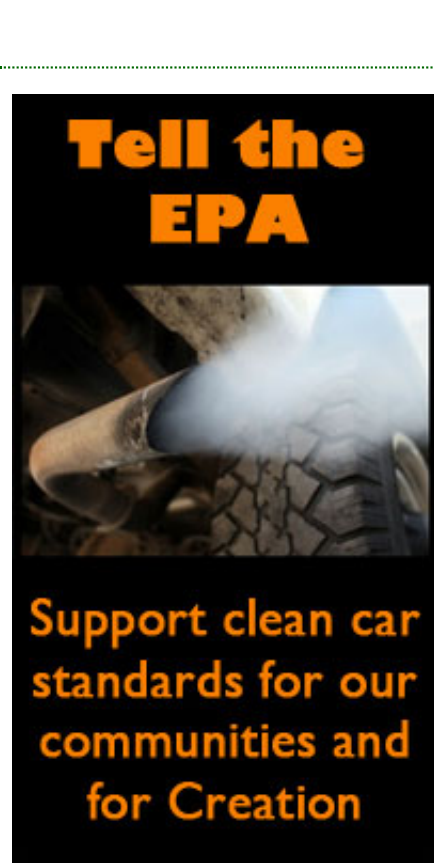
Sunday, September 17, 2 – 4 PM

St. Mary of the Annunciation, Memorial Hall
134 Norfolk Street, Cambridge, MA

Presenter: Bill Patenaude is a founding member of the Global Catholic Climate Movement. He is an engineer with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and holds a master's degree in theology.

For program details and to REGISTER: <http://tinyurl.com/register-BCCM-9-17>

For more information: BostonCatholicClimate@gmail.org.



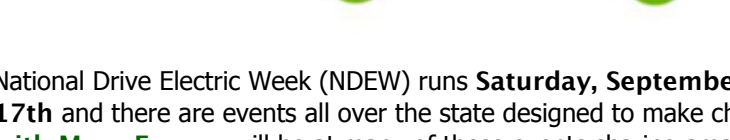
For the first time since 1979, carbon electricity from the transportation sector has overtaken production as the greatest contributor to global warming in the U.S. We've got to make our cars more fuel efficient, as we build a fossil fuel-free economy.

Rising vehicle pollution is not a failure of technology, as there has been great progress on clean cars and electrification. Recognizing that capacity the Obama administration finalized standards to nearly double fuel efficiency of cars and light duty trucks by Model Year 2025.

But now, the Trump administration wants to put us in reverse by curbing these new fuel efficiency standards before they can even take effect. The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and DOT (Department of Transportation) just announced they will begin reconsidering the fuel efficiency standards for cars and passenger trucks. And by "reconsidering" they mean they're open to rolling them back. Let's make our voices heard.

Tell the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Transportation (DOT) to keep us moving forward with strong fuel efficiency standards.

National Drive Electric Week™



National Drive Electric Week (NDEW) runs **Saturday, September 9th through Sunday, September 17th** and there are events all over the state designed to make choosing an electric car easy. **Drive Green with Mass Energy** will be at many of these events sharing amazing discounts on top EVs.

NDEW is celebrated nationwide to raise awareness about the benefits of owning or leasing an electric vehicle. Organizers include the Sierra Club and Plug-In America.

[From Mass Energy Consumers Alliance]

Resonant — Sun For All Celebration



Saturday, September 16, 2017
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Codman Park
44 Moultrie Street
Boston, MA 02124

Resonant Energy is celebrating its one-year anniversary as a company, with community partners and local leaders on Saturday, Sept. 16th in Codman Park! The day will include music, food, celebration, and activism. Speakers will include faith leaders, codman organizers, and local solar champions leading the way in the fight for an energy system that works for our communities. It will be a family-friendly event.

[Eventbrite Details & RSVP](#)

Reflection of the Month

Almighty God, who are mother and father to us all,
Look upon your planet Earth divided
Help us to know that we are all your children,
That all nations belong to one great family,
And all of our religions lead to you.

Multiply our prayers in every land
Until the whole Earth becomes your congregation,
United in your love.

Sustain our vision of a peaceful future
And give us strength to work unceasingly
To make that vision real.

Amen

Helen Weaver

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Peace and blessings,

Your friends at MIP&L