

Dear friends,

Solar Success 2019



Tuesday, March 26, 2019
7 to 9 pm
St. Matthews United Methodist Church
435 Central Street
Acton, MA 01720

Learn from: House of worship solar project leaders, solar installers, and industry experts. Find out:

- How solar can work on your roof
- How much you will save on energy costs and carbon footprint
- How to select the right solar installation company
- How to pay for it

Presenters include:

Jim Nail, President, Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light and homeowner
Daryl Warner, East Milton Congregational Church, Milton
Bill Schroeder, South Church, Andover
Loren Shapiro, Temple Beth Shalom, Needham
Maddie Barr, Resonant Energy
Bob Clarke, 621 Energy

All are welcome!

Refreshments will be served.
Admission: Free-will donations much appreciated.

Registration highly recommended so we can plan on enough handouts and let you know if a cancellation for inclement weather is necessary.

Register at: <https://conta.cc/2ID5LDC>



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Faith Climate Action Week — April 5–14, 2019



Get ready for Faith Climate Action Week, being celebrated from April 5th-14th, part of the international Earth Month celebrations in 2019! This year join with thousands of faith communities around the country to spread the word about climate change and take action on the most pressing moral issue of our time.

Order your kit now, and receive 100 postcards for your senators, an outdoor service project guide, a global warming fact sheet, a "Forest Bathing" Guide, information about a mini video photo project, and access to extra materials—all for just \$24. There are a limited number of pre-printed kits, so get yours now.

[Please click here](#) to order your printed 2019 Faith Climate Action Week kit.

Our theme this year is "Our Love for Earth". This year we will find joy and rejuvenation in the natural world and reconnect to why we love and protect our planet. Let's take positive steps to reconnect ourselves to the wonders of the natural world and encourage our elected leaders to create innovative policies that protect our planet and our communities.

The Faith Climate Action Week website provides sample sermons, worship resources, and other printable materials. With your participation, congregations in all 50 states will take part and send thousands of postcards to senators to urge them to support a **Green New Deal that fits with our IPL faith principles**.

[Click here](#) to find downloadable and printable materials. The kit is FREE to download, and you can print as many as you need.

Once you plan your Earth Month festivities, presentation, or other event please post them on our [Faith Climate Action Week Event calendar](#) so others in your community can find and participate in your event!

Thank you for joining the national faith movement to find solutions to climate change!

MassSave Benefits Expanded under new Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan



The new Massachusetts Three-year Plan approved by the MA Department of Public Utilities on January 30th expands the range of measures eligible for cost-sharing through the MassSave program of audits for residents, non-profits and businesses. MassSave is run by the utilities. Notable improvements include:

Energy Optimization: The changes open opportunities for electrification of heating and cooling through technologies like air-source heat pumps, not previously allowed.

Greenhouse Gas Impacts: MassSave can now consider the avoided costs of complying with the Global Warming Solutions Act in benefit-cost calculations. That should lead to the addition of new measures to the program.

Reaching Underserved Populations: The utilities committed to make a greater effort to reach underserved populations including, renters non-English speaking families and moderate-income households. The DPU however rejected a proposed provision that would have linked a portion of the utilities' performance incentive to serving at least 100,000 rental units over the next 3 years.

[Learn more here.](#)

Steam heat at your House of Worship? New MassSave incentive for you!

Many houses of worship — especially older ones — have a steam heating system. These systems have what are known as "steam traps" which require regular maintenance in order to function at peak efficiency. Clogged or failed steam traps waste energy and money! Eversource has generous incentives in 2019 to help address these failed steam traps, which could help pay for most, if not the entire cost, of fixing the failed trap.

What is a steam trap? Steam traps are automatic valves used in every steam system to remove condensate, air and other non-condensable gases, while maximizing system efficiency. Space heating steam systems will have steam traps at every radiator or baseboard.

For steam traps to maximize system efficiency, they should be maintained and inspected regularly to ensure they don't get clogged and fail. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, if your steam system has not been maintained in 3-5 years, 15-30 percent of steam traps have likely failed. If your steam traps haven't been serviced for longer than that, half or more may be malfunctioning. When they fail, your heating system won't function efficiently, wasting money.

Repairing or replacing failed steam traps will improve steam system efficiency and occupant comfort, while reducing the amount of fuel required — saving money and lowering your carbon emissions.

Thanks to Mike Santangelo at [World Energy Efficiency Services](#) for this alert — feel free to reach out to him to learn more: mike.santangelo@worldenergys.com.

Eversource Offering LED Tube Lighting at No Cost to Non-Profits!



LED lighting uses 40-90% less electricity than other light bulbs and can last up to 25 times longer – not to mention labor costs of replacing bulbs in big buildings like houses of worship.

Eversource is offering a 100% financial incentive for non-profit facilities that upgrade their fluorescent lighting to LED tubes (TLEDs), with the caveat that the customer needs to have a full comprehensive energy audit completed by a Small Business vendor to uncover any other opportunities that may exist in the facility, such as aerators, insulation, thermostats and steam traps all of which have good incentives.

We again thank Mike Santangelo at [World Energy Efficiency Services](#) for letting us know about this Eversource program. Contact him to learn more and to schedule an audit at your house of worship, at mike.santangelo@worldenergys.com.

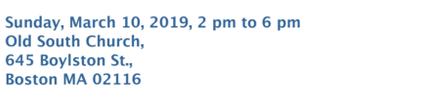


Climate Action Business Association (CABA)
2019 Massachusetts Legislative Briefing Webinar
February 27th, 1:00–2:00 pm

Last month Massachusetts began a new two-year legislative session. What will the legislature's climate, clean energy, and environmental priorities be for 2019 and 2020? What bills are receiving the most attention? How will politics impact legislative outcomes for this session? How can you make a difference?

The Policy Team at the Climate Action Business Association will answer these and other questions. [Register here](#). Fee: \$8

Climate Change, Extreme Weather & Vulnerability: An Interfaith Summit — March 10

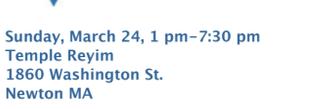


Sunday, March 10, 2019, 2 pm to 6 pm
Old South Church,
645 Boylston St.,
Boston MA 02116

Communities Responding to Extreme Weather (CREW)

To RSVP, and to view a working draft of the agenda, please visit www.climatecrew.org/summit.

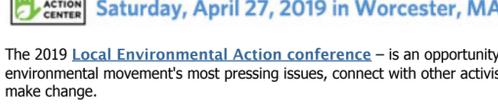
2nd Jewish Climate Conference: The Time is Short, The Task is Great



Sunday, March 24, 1 pm–7:30 pm
Temple Reyim
1860 Washington St.
Newton MA

This half-day conference brings the Jewish community together to explore surmounting challenges and mobilizing communities to act.

Early bird sign-up at bit.ly/2FKEtZt
Jewishclimateaction@gmail.com
www.jewishclimate.org



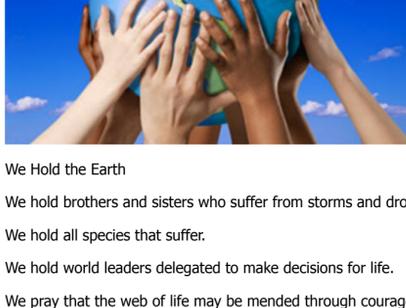
The 2019 [Local Environmental Action conference](#) – is an opportunity to learn together about the environmental movement's most pressing issues, connect with other activists, and get trained and ready to make change.

The heart of the conference is 15 workshops geared towards organizers and activists working for a healthy and just future. The conference brings together top organizers and expert trainers to bring you the skills training and issue learning you need to make real progress.

Choose from workshops on organizing skills like writing a resolution or using social media effectively, learning more about how to implement climate solutions in your town, and explore connections between climate justice and migration.

[Don't wait! Register for Local Environmental Action and reserve your spot today to get early bird ticket prices.](#)

Climate Blessing



We Hold the Earth

We hold brothers and sisters who suffer from storms and droughts intensified by climate change.

We hold all species that suffer.

We hold world leaders delegated to make decisions for life.

We pray that the web of life may be mended through courageous actions to limit carbon emissions.

We pray that love and wisdom for adaptation and mitigation to help our already suffering earth community. We pray that right and justice might inspire my actions and our actions as communities . . . so that we may, with integrity, look into the eyes of brothers and sisters and all beings and truthfully say, we are doing our part to care for them and the future of the children.

May love transform us and our world with new steps toward life.

Peace and blessings,

Your friends at Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light