

Dear MIP&L members and friends,

Sustainable House of Worship Workshop



Sunday October 15, 2017
1:30 pm – 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 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.

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We're "STILL IN" — Are You?



Leaders of the world's 20 major economies met in Hamburg, Germany on July 7th & 8th. Soon it became clear that President Trump's unconscionable move to abandon the Paris Climate Accord has left the United States isolated. Other nations re-affirmed their support, stating that the Accord is "irreversible" and agreeing to a detailed policy blueprint to move forward with their climate goals. The G20 then adopted a Climate and Energy Action Plan, with the Trump team insisting on pro-fossil fuel language.

Trump's action is counter to the wishes of 70% of Americans who support the Paris climate agreement. The good news is that, in spite of the federal government's stance, cities, states, and non-governmental entities are stepping up to commit to reducing their carbon emissions.

You can join them by committing to reduce your carbon emissions. [Click here to add your name to IPL's Paris: We're Still In petition.](#)

Dozens of city mayors from around the world promised to redouble their own commitments to bold action on climate. The alliance, led by Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo, said they were inspired by the "courage" shown by the more than 300 mayors in cities across the U.S. who have committed to upholding the

Paris Agreement despite Trump's decision.

The thing about climate change is that it is a problem so big that it needs everyone, everywhere to participate in solving it.

That's why we're asking you to add your name to the [Paris: We're Still In Petition](#) so that you, your household, and/or your faith community can show your solidarity and act on the Paris accord yourself — lowering your own emissions.

By working cooperatively, in good faith, we can create a better future, a safe climate, and a healthy planet.

Let's show the world that regardless of what the Trump administration does or doesn't do, global warming is a moral issue we are compelled to address. We're still committed, we're keeping the faith, and we're still in!

House Briefing on Carbon Pricing

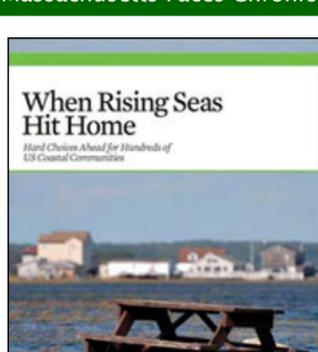


Left to right: Rep. Kocot, Rep. Kulik, Rep. Benson (H.1726 sponsor), Marc Breslow, and Rep. Goldstein-Rose.

ClimateXChange Director of Policy and Research, Marc Breslow, delivered a presentation on carbon pricing legislation to House members and their staffs on July 12th. The Campaign for a Clean Energy Future is working to make sure education and advocacy go hand-in-hand, so that every Massachusetts legislator is educated on carbon pricing and sees strong support among their constituency.

[Learn about H. 1726 and S. 1821.](#)

Massachusetts Faces Chronic Inundation



The Union of Concerned Scientists has released a new report and interactive web feature, [When Rising Seas Hit Home](#).

This first-of-its-kind analysis of the entire lower-48 coastline, identifies where and when "chronic inundation" arrives — i.e., high tide flooding of such frequency and extent that it makes business-as-usual in affected areas impossible. While MA is not one of the top impacted states, the projections are nonetheless striking.

- The landing page is [here](#).
- To view the report PDF, [click here](#).
- For the MA fact sheet, [click here](#).
- To use the interactive mapping tool, [click here](#).
- The Elementa journal article can be found by [clicking here](#).

Catholic Solar Program



The Pastoral Center of the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston is building solar parking lot canopies at its Braintree location and recently announced a solar program for parishes. An information session will be held on August 8th at 10:30 am at St Theresa North Reading.

Contact Deb Dillon at 617-746-5986 or Paul Morin at 617-746-5772 for further information.

Mass Energy's 7th Annual Clean Energy Festival



Mass Energy, People's Power & Light, and the Center for EcoTechnology are holding their 7th Annual Clean Energy Festival on Sunday, July 23rd including: a wind turbine tour, solar array tour, discounted zip-lining and rides on the Mountain Coaster at Berkshire East Mountain Resort!

Lunch from Cliff's Smokin' Backyard BBQ is included.

Tickets start at \$10 per person and kids under 8 are free.

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Peace and blessings,

Your friends at MIP&L