

Dear friends,

MASSACHUSETTS SENATE PASSES CARBON PRICING LAW

CONTACT YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE TODAY!



Senator Michael Barrett (D-Lexington) & ClimateXChange Executive Director Michael Green

On June 14, 2018, the Massachusetts Senate unanimously voted to put a price on carbon pollution economy-wide! This is a huge first step toward enacting the single most effective tool for addressing climate change and putting our economy on a sound energy foundation. Click [here](#) to read the press release.

ADD YOUR NAME:

Click [here](#) to read the Massachusetts Interfaith Call for Carbon Pricing and then you can add your name by clicking [here](#).

CONTACT YOUR STATE REP:

Find out who your state representative is and how to contact them by clicking [here](#).

Call your state rep and urge them to support the following:

- **H.1726** An Act to Promote Green Infrastructure, Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and Create Jobs by implementing **an economy-wide carbon fee and rebate system**;
- Amendment of H.4577 to include **the solar equity provisions** in S.2545, An Act to Promote a Clean Energy Future which passed the state senate;
- Increase the renewable portfolio standard (RPS) requiring utilities to buy **more energy from renewable sources**; by passing the RPS provisions of S.2545;
- **H.2913** the Environmental Justice Act, protecting, low-income communities, communities of color and immigrant communities;
- **H.3404** which establishes new energy efficiency rules for appliances; and
- **H.3742** which expands incentives for electric vehicle dealers.

MA Climate Legislation Town Hall with Rep. Sánchez on July 12th



Rep. Jeffrey Sánchez

On **Thursday, July 12th at 6:30 pm**, State Representative **Jeffrey Sánchez** will be speaking and answering questions at a town hall on proposed Massachusetts climate legislation.

Rep. Sánchez is the chair of the House Ways and Means Committee which will be voting on the climate bills passed by a House committee and on the just passed state Senate climate bill. Rep. Sánchez's active support of these bills would be a huge help in moving crucial climate legislation forward to a House vote and final passage.

The town hall is sponsored by 350 Massachusetts, the Boston Climate Action Network, Clean Water Action, the JP Forum, MA Interfaith Power & Light, Mothers Out Front, Our Climate, and the Sierra Club.

It will be held at the **First Church, 6 Eliot Street in Jamaica Plain**. We will be providing refreshments.

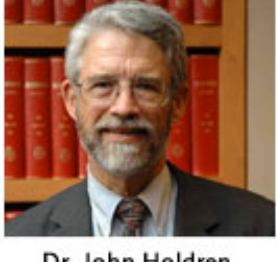
U.S. Senator Ed Markey's Climate Crisis Action Summit



Sen. Ed Markey



Gina McCarthy



Dr. John Holdren



Todd Stern

Join **Senator Markey** and America's leading climate change experts for a summit on one of the greatest crises of our time. Following a discussion of the current state of affairs of climate policy, and solutions, questions will be taken from the audience.

Panelists:

Gina McCarthy, former EPA Administrator and current Director of C-CHANGE (Center for Climate, Health and the Global Environment) at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Dr. John Holdren, former Chief Science and Technology Advisor to President Barack Obama and current Teresa and John Heinz Professor of Environmental Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government

Todd Stern, former U.S. Chief Negotiator for the Paris Climate Accord and current Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution and Distinguished Fellow at the World Resources Institute

DATE: Thursday, June 28th

TIME: 7 pm - 8:30 pm (Doors open at 6:30 pm)

LOCATION: Belmont High School

ADDRESS: 221 Concord Ave., Belmont

RSVP [here](#).

For more information call Senator Markey's Boston office at 617-565-8519

The Tie that Binds: Creation Care & Interfaith Dialogue



Saturday, July 21 & Sunday, July 22, 2018

Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center
660 Great Pond Road, North Andover, MA 01845

Featuring Saturday afternoon panel discussion plenary with interfaith environmental leaders:

- IbrahimAbdul-Matin
- Rev. Norman Comtois
- Rabbi Judy Kummer
- Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, moderator

Saturday Evening Concert with Rev. Fred Small and Sunday Afternoon Workshops

Register at: www.rollingridge.org

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Worcester Catholic Environmental Stewardship Conference



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP
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September 23, 2018, 1:00 – 4:30 pm

College of the Holy Cross, Hogan Campus Center
1 College St. Worcester, MA 01610

Opening Prayer Service and Comments

His Excellency, **The Most Rev. Robert J. McManus**, Bishop of Worcester

Why is this a Catholic Issue?

The Rev. Father William Campbell, VP of Mission, Holy Cross

Scarcity and the Economics of Pollution

Dr. Katherine Kiel, Professor of Economics, Holy Cross

Environment and the Role of Government

Matthew Beaton, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Panel Discussion among Parish leaders.

Sponsored by Diocese of Worcester: <http://environment.worcesterdiocese.org>

Reflections of the Month

"We sit in the lap of our Mother ... We shall soon pass, but the place where we now rest will last forever."

Lakota saying

Assuredly the creation
Of the heavens
And the earth
Is greater
Than the creation of humankind;
Yet most people understand not.

Qu'ran

Apprehend God in all things,
For God is in all things.
Every single creature is full of God
And is a book about God.
Every creature is a word of God.
If I spent enough time with the tiniest creature —
Even a caterpillar —
I would never have to prepare a sermon. So full of God
Is every creature.

Meister Eckhart

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Peace and blessings,

Your friends at Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light