

Dear MIP&L members and friends,



Carbon Pricing Grassroots Summit

April 9, 2016

Fossil fuel companies sell products that pollute our air, damage our health, and threaten the future of creation. Putting a price on carbon means holding fossil fuel companies accountable for the damage that fossil fuels impose on all of us. The Global Warming Solutions Act, mandates that Massachusetts reduce our emissions by 25% of 1990 levels by 2020 and by 80% by 2050 but we aren't on target to get there. Carbon pricing is an essential strategy to achieve those emissions reductions.

As a state with no fossil fuel reserves of our own, almost all the money that Massachusetts residents spend on fossil fuels leaves the state. Reducing our fossil fuel consumption through carbon pricing is both good economic policy and good environmental policy.

The Campaign for a Clean Energy Future is looking for volunteers to be state senate district captains. As a district captain, you will work with other volunteers in your district to persuade members of the Massachusetts Senate to support carbon pricing!

If you're interested or want to learn more, come to the grassroots summit on April 9th. Meet other activists, learn about the campaign and work with others to advance carbon pricing legislation.

When: April 9, 2016 10 am to 3 pm

Where: St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Three Maple, St., Framingham, MA 01702

To sign up to be a district captain or RSVP for the summit [click here](#).

Questions:

Contact Andrew at 440-799-3480 or andrew@betterfutureproject.org

Or: Amanda at 617-338-8131 x201 or asebert@cleanwater.org

To download a flyer [click here](#).

MA Interfaith Power & Light is a founding partner of the MA Campaign for a Clean Energy Future.



A forum for Greater Boston, MetroWest, and surrounding communities

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

7 pm to 9 pm

The Eliot Church of Newton, UCC

474 Centre Street, Newton, MA

(Mass Pike Exit 17, near bus transportation)

Presented by 350 Mass./Newton

Are you curious about carbon pricing? This is your chance to learn what carbon pricing is, why it is urgently needed now and why it is good for the Massachusetts economy.

Featuring:

- Sen. Mike Barrett, 3rd Middlesex District, Massachusetts
- Minister Mariama White-Hammond, Bethel AME Church, Boston, MAICCA Leadership Team
- Bonni Widdoes, Board of Directors, Climate XChange
- Rev. Fred Small, Director of Faith Outreach, Climate XChange, MAICCA Leadership Team
- Quinton Zondervan, Climate Action Business Association, Moderator
- Vince Maraventano, Executive Director, MA Interfaith Power & Light, Master of Ceremonies

The program will include a Q&A session and an opportunity to participate in breakout groups.

To download a flyer [click here](#).

Interfaith Power & Light's Faith Climate Action Week



Faith Climate Action Week

Brought to you by Interfaith Power & Light

The Faith Climate Action Week (formerly known as the Preach-In on Global Warming) will take place during Earth Week, April 15- 24, 2016. Celebrations, sermons, service projects, events, and nature walks will be held all week, around the signing of the landmark Paris Climate Accord in New York City at the United Nations.

In honor of the pledge we have made as a nation, along with the rest of the world in Paris to limit global warming to no more than 2 degrees Celsius, we will be focusing on ways we can green our facilities and homes, take action locally, and advocate nationally for positive steps towards a sustainable, 100% renewable energy future.

Here are ways you can participate in Faith Climate Action Week:

- Find sample sermons and talks along with ideas for planning your own
- Sign up to download materials
- List your event on the Faith Climate Action Week map
- Host a screening and discussion of the movie *Racing Extinction*
- Order the Faith Climate Action Kit

To order the kit, download materials or for more information on the above [click here](#).

To list your event [click here](#).

Accelerating the Green Energy Transition

When: Wednesday, April 6, from 3:30-4:45 pm

Where: Moloney Hall, University Crossing, 220 Pawtucket St., University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell, MA 01886

Regional leaders will discuss the impact of a state-wide carbon price on business, employment, and building technology.

Speakers:

- Cindy Luppi, Coordinator, Massachusetts Campaign for a Clean Energy Future
- Jay Mason, Chair, Lowell Green Building Commission and 350 Mass for a Better Future
- Darlene Lombos, Executive Director, Community Labor United
- Jorge Colmenares, Business Leaders for Climate Action

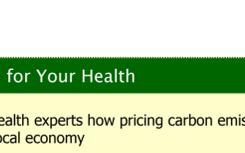
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Website: campaignforcleanenergyfuture.org

Facebook: [MACleanEnergyFuture](https://www.facebook.com/MACleanEnergyFuture)

Twitter: @macleanenergy

Organized in partnership by the UMass Lowell Climate Change Initiative and the Massachusetts Campaign for a Clean Energy Future



Why Pricing Carbon is Good for Your Health

Hear from a panel of climate and health experts how pricing carbon emissions will tackle climate change, reduce air pollution and grow our local economy

April 11, 2016 12:30 pm

Salem State University, Martin Luther King, Jr. Room, Ellison Campus Center,

Located in front of Alumni Plaza, North Campus

- Richard Clapp, Prof. Emeritus of Environmental Health, BU School of Public Health and Adjunct Professor, U. Mass Lowell
- Cindy Luppi, Coordinator for the MA Campaign for a Clean Energy Future; New England Director, Clean Water Action
- David Radue, North Shore Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby

Pizza and cookies will be served

Part of Salem State Earth Days Week

For more information: www.salemstate.edu/earthday

Prof. John Hayes 978-542-6922 or jhayes1212@gmail.com

To download a flyer [click here](#).

Sustainable House of Worship Workshop



Saturday April 2nd, 2016

9:00 am-1:00 pm

Eliot Church of Newton

474 Centre Street

Newton, MA 02458

Reducing your house of worship energy use is a way to care for God's creation by reducing your carbon footprint. You'll also save money on energy bills, freeing up financial resources needed for other important programs!

In this half-day session conducted by [Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light](#) you will learn:

- How to track your energy use, cost and carbon footprint
- How to find no-cost and low-cost projects that can have a big impact on your electricity and heating bills
- How to evaluate energy using systems to determine whether they should be updated
- Incentives, rebates and other financial help available through utility companies

To register go to <http://conta.cc/1Xrn8TO>.

Registration Fee is \$20 per person payable on line or at the door.

Registration and light refreshments at 8:30 am. Workshop begins at 9:00 am

All are welcome! We encourage two people from each congregation to attend.

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.



Fossil Gas Infrastructure Buildout: Do We Need It?

with Professor Nathan Phillips

Sunday April 10th, 7:00 pm

The North Parish, Old Center of North Andover

190 Academy Rd., North Andover

New fossil gas transmission pipelines in MA and throughout the eastern US are being justified in terms of rising consumer demand, but how well are those claims substantiated? What is the potential for citizens to manage their household demand for energy, and use our existing supply more efficiently so that we don't need new pipelines, and can such an effort be turned into an effective campaign to refute developments that lock in long term dependence on gas?

Dr. Nathan Phillips is a member of the Department of Earth and Environmental Science at Boston University.

A Clean Energy Opportunity for MA

Thursday, March 31, 10 am to 12 pm

Church of the Covenant

67 Newbury St., Boston

Your legislator needs to hear about this!

Contact: interfaithclimatecoalition@gmail.com

From MA Interfaith Coalition for Climate Action



Laudato Si' Day of Reflection

April 23, 9:30-5,

St. Joseph Retreat House, Milton.

Sponsored by St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Chestnut Hill, MA

Contact Kathy Maher for details: katherine.maher@bc.edu

PLEASE DONATE TODAY



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, clicking on the DONATE button and making a secure, fully tax deductible donation.

Peace and blessings,

Your friends at MIP&L