

Dear MIP&L members and friends,

### People's Climate Marches: Washington D.C., Boston & Springfield

On Saturday April 29th, the 100th Day of the Trump Administration, we will be in the streets of Washington D.C., Boston and Springfield marching to advance solutions to the climate crisis that are rooted in racial, social and economic justice and to protect our right to clean air, water, land, healthy communities and a world at peace. Will you join us?

#### Faith Buses to Washington, DC



Has your faith community chartered a bus (or buses!) to DC? Need a little help filling it? Send the information to Pat Almonrode at [palmorode@gmail.com](mailto:palmorode@gmail.com). Be sure to include (1) where your bus is leaving from, and (2) a registration link and/or a contact person's email. Pat will post it on the national web site.

Looking for other buses? [Click here](#) to go to the main Transportation Page for the March.

#### Boston People's Climate March

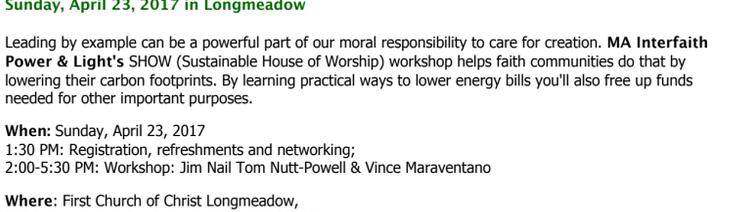


Details about the Boston climate march will be posted [here](#) on Friday 3.31.17.



Sign up for the Springfield march for Climate Jobs & Justice by [clicking here](#).

#### Sustainable House of Worship (SHOW) Workshop



#### Sunday, April 23, 2017 in Longmeadow

Leading by example can be a powerful part of our moral responsibility to care for creation. MA Interfaith Power & Light's SHOW (Sustainable House of Worship) workshop helps faith communities do that by lowering their carbon footprints. By learning practical ways to lower energy bills you'll also free up funds needed for other important purposes.

**When:** Sunday, April 23, 2017  
1:30 PM: Registration, refreshments and networking;  
2:00-5:30 PM: Workshop: Jim Nail Tom Nutt-Powell & Vince Maraventano

**Where:** First Church of Christ Longmeadow,  
763 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow, MA 01106

To register online [click here](#).

For more information contact Vince Maraventano at [vince@MIPandL.org](mailto:vince@MIPandL.org) or 617-244-0755.

**Sponsored by:** the MA Conference of the United Church of Christ

**Members of all faiths are welcome to attend!**

#### Faith Climate Action Week



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Brought to you by Interfaith Power & Light

Get ready for Faith Climate Action Week, April 17th–23rd! Join with more than 1200 faith communities to spread the word about climate change and take action on the greatest moral issue of our time. Order your kit now, and receive 100 postcards for your senators, a prayer flag project, global warming fact sheet, action sheet, social media photo project, and access to extra materials—all for just \$15. [Please click here to order your 2017 Faith Climate Action Week kit](#) from Interfaith Power & Light.

#### Spiritual resilience and resistance in a time of climate change

#### A Saturday Morning Retreat



**Saturday April 1, 2017**  
**9:00 am – 12:30 PM**  
**Led by the Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas**  
**Trinity Church in the City of Boston, Copley Square**

Looking deeply into our sources of hope can sustain our efforts to renew the web of life and to create a more just society. This retreat will explore a framework for the heart to help us become healers filled with compassion, energy, and hope.

The retreat will include presentations, guided meditation, singing, silence, and conversation. Led by a Christian who honors the deep wisdom of every religious tradition, the retreat is open to people of all faiths and none. Everyone is welcome.

The retreat is free and open to the public. Free-will donations gladly accepted.

Please Pre-register [here](#).

#### Yizkor for the Earth: An Interfaith Service of Remembrance



**Thursday April 13th**  
**6:30 PM-8:00 Jamaica Pond, Jamaica Plain, MA**

*Gather at 6:15 near the boat house to walk together to our service location near Perkins St. and the Jamaica way by the water.*

Join an interfaith gathering for prayer and ritual to honor what has been lost from this Earth — species, habitats, special places, communities, protections — bring your own stories of loss and grief. Bring a bit of the Earth from a place of meaning to you, a rock, leaf, or other token of the Earth, along with your own water bottle.

Sponsored by the Jewish Climate Action Network,  
MA Interfaith Power and Light, and  
Ma'yan Tikvah—A Wellspring of Hope.

Contact Rabbi Katy Allen at [rabi@mayantikvah.org](mailto:rabi@mayantikvah.org) with questions or if you would like to help plan the event. Donations will be collected for an environmental justice cause.

#### Climate Change as a Consequence of Human Presence

**LECTURE IN HONOR OF RICHARD J. CLIFFORD, S.J.**  
**Carol A. Newsom**  
**Thursday, April 6, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**  
**Boston College**  
**Corcoran Commons, Heights Room**  
**Chestnut Hill Campus**

Was climate change an inevitable consequence of the appearance of humans in the ecosystem? This dialogue between religion and science encourages the sharing of mutual insights and a template for action and hope.



*Carol A. Newsom is the C. H. Candler Professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University.*

[Click here for more information](#), including directions and parking.



The Global Catholic Climate Movement is sponsoring a [#Mercy2Earth](#) journey.

Pope Francis declared **Care for Creation as the 8th Work of Mercy**. A handful of events are already planned for [#Mercy2Earth](#) Weekend (April 22-23):

- In the **Ecuadorian Amazon**, the Capuchin Brotherhood in Tiputini will host a day of prayer and action where they will collect garbage on a nature walk for both interior purification and external transformation.
- A diocesan wide round-table in **Burlington, Vermont** will explore parish initiatives for creation sustainability such as renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste management, and clean water.
- Across the **United States**, communities will be preparing for the massive People's Climate March in Washington, DC to stand in solidarity with the planet and the poor.

A [#Mercy2Earth Journey guide](#) is available to assist you in a successful Mercy2Earth transformation.

#### MAPC Webinar on Low Income Community Shared Solar

Wednesday, April 26, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

MAPC's upcoming webinar, *Increasing Access: Low Income Community Shared Solar 101* will feature a 101 on community shared solar and how ongoing solar policy and incentive developments in Massachusetts may impact these solar projects.



Register for the webinar [here](#).

#### Reflection of the Month

#### The Grace that Comes from Belonging to Life



"When you act on behalf of something greater than yourself, you begin to feel it acting through you with a power that is greater than your own.

"This is grace.

"Today, as we take risks for the sake of something greater than our separate, individual lives, we are feeling graced by other beings and by Earth itself.

"Those with whom and on whose behalf we act give us strength and eloquence and staying power we didn't know we had.

"We just need to practice knowing that and remembering that we are sustained by each other in the web of life.

Our true power comes as a gift, like grace, because in truth it is sustained by others.

"If we practice drawing on the wisdom and beauty and strengths of our fellow human beings and our fellow species we can go into any situation and trust that the courage and intelligence required will be supplied."

*Tom Atlee*

#### 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](http://www.MIPandL.org), clicking on the **DONATE** button and making a secure, fully tax deductible donation.

*Peace and blessings,*

*Your friends at MIP&L*