

Dear MIP&L members and friends,



## Carbon Pricing: The Way to a Clean Energy Future

Thursday June 16th, 7 pm – 9 pm  
Winchester Unitarian Society  
478 main St. Winchester, MA 01890

Massachusetts, already a national leader in energy efficiency is poised to take a big step in accelerating the transition to a clean energy future.

Learn why carbon pricing is needed to address the climate crisis and what it means for our communities, our health and our economy.

### SPEAKERS:

**Sen. Jason Lewis**, 5th Middlesex District  
**Cindy Luppi**, Coordinator, Massachusetts Campaign for a Clean Energy Future  
**Marc Breslow**, Acting Executive Director, Climate XChange

**Moderator:** Carol Oldham, Executive Director, Mass. Climate Action Network

Register online at [www.massclimateaction.net/carbon\\_pricing\\_forum](http://www.massclimateaction.net/carbon_pricing_forum)

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## Court Orders Mass. Government to Fully Implement Climate Protection Law

In a landmark Supreme Judicial Court decision, Massachusetts will be required to implement critical provisions of the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2008 (GWSA) that it has ignored to date.

This is a historic victory for the Conservation Law Foundation and the Massachusetts climate movement. It means that the Dept. of Environmental Protection is *legally required* to issue regulations that will cut emissions from multiple sources. For each source DEP must set a yearly limit on emissions, and that limit must decline annually.

Under the GWSA, we must cut overall greenhouse gas emissions 25% by 2020 and at least 80% by 2050. We are not currently on track to meet those reduction mandates, and the state government must figure out how to do so. The Supreme Judicial Court decision puts greater pressure on Governor Baker to adopt specific policies that will yield the required emission cuts.

**Carbon pricing is the single best policy to meet the GWSA's requirements**—it covers the entire economy and is the most cost-effective method to achieve reductions. Under the provisions of Senate 1747, all funds are rebated to the public, which should allow Governor Baker to support it while sticking to his "no new taxes" pledge.

Please take a moment to [fill out this form](#) (please scroll down the page for the form) and urge Governor Baker to implement the Court's decision promptly. Emphasize that a critical part of doing so would be to pass and sign S. 1747.

From our friends at the Environmental League of MA



ENVIRONMENTAL LEAGUE OF MASSACHUSETTS



## House Energy Bill Bolsters Offshore Wind, But House Must Go Further to Support Renewable Energy

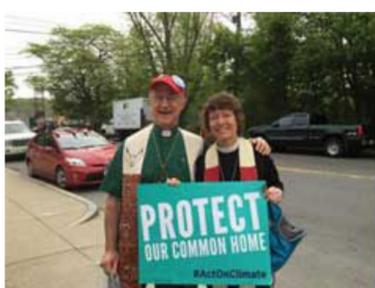
The Joint Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy (TUE) Committee released its version of the House energy bill, H. 2881 this week. This is a step forward towards harnessing Massachusetts' abundant offshore wind energy resources. It also avoids subsidizing costly new gas pipeline capacity. However, the House should go further to promote renewable energy. The House "has dipped its toe in the water in terms of our energy future, instead of marching into the 21st century," President George Bachrach told [Radio Boston](#) this week.

In order to create clean energy jobs and meet our state's mandatory Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) carbon pollution reduction requirements, we should be bringing online more offshore wind, more onshore wind, and more solar energy. Our message to legislators called for improving H. 2881 by taking the following steps:

- Offshore Wind: Increase the total procurement of offshore wind to 2,000 megawatts (MW) from the 1,200 MW currently in the bill. A larger procurement will ensure offshore wind energy will increase our overall energy capacity, achieve an economy of scale that will lower costs, and create more local manufacturing jobs in Massachusetts.
- Gas Pipeline Subsidies: The bill is silent on gas pipeline subsidies but the Legislature should act now to prevent the electric utilities from saddling customers with the costs of unnecessary gas pipeline construction in the future.
- Renewable Portfolio Standard: Increase the requirement for our electric utilities to purchase renewable energy each year to ensure a robust market for regional renewable energy resources.
- Hydropower & Wind: Require that a minimum share (i.e. 30%) of any new transmission line to import hydropower comes from regional renewable energy resources, such as wind from Maine and New York.
- Solar Net Metering Cap: With the cap on solar net metering already reached in the National Grid service territory, the House must lift the net metering cap to provide certainty to the solar industry.

H. 2881 now awaits action by the House Committee on Ways and Means before moving to the full House. It is important for your Representative to hear from you on the need to improve on H. 2881 to create a truly clean energy future.

## Antal Among 16 Clergy Arrested at Pipeline Protest



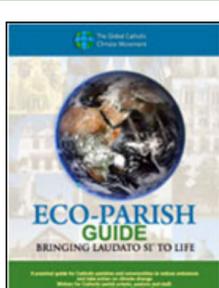
Jim Antal and Margaret Bullitt-Jonas



Massachusetts UCC Conference Minister and President The Rev. Dr. Jim Antal was one of 16 clergy arrested on Wednesday after entering the construction site of a natural gas pipeline in West Roxbury, halting the work there.

Antal held up a picture of his one-year-old grandson and told the crowd and the media: "This pipeline is a lie. The Boston area—indeed the world—doesn't need this additional fossil fuel. It's our task to keep this fossil fuel in the ground. The building of the pipeline is driven only by the greed of corporations and outmoded ways of thinking." Read the full story [here](#).

## Eco-Parish Guide from The Global Catholic Climate Movement



The Eco-Parish Guide is based on the principles of *Laudato Si'*, and is supported by the recent international agreement of 190 nations at the U.N. Paris Climate Summit. Download your free 45 page guide: [Eco-Parish Guide](#).

Developed in cooperation with GCCM's partners around the globe, the guide helps parishes to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) by addressing actions in relation to parish operations, the congregation, and the broader community. The Eco-Parish guide offers an active response to Pope Francis' call for climate change action.

This comprehensive guide explains how parishes can make a difference by:

- forming green teams
- reducing parish emissions
- engaging parishioners on low carbon lifestyle choices
- advocating for climate justice
- caring for those harmed by climate change

The guide was written by **Dr. Gail Kendall**, an MIT educated engineer with decades of experience in climate work across the globe, and other GCCM members.

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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.

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Peace and blessings,

Your friends at MIP&L