

Dear MIP&L members and friends,



A big opportunity to push for carbon pricing in Massachusetts is coming up soon. **The Campaign for a Clean Energy Future invites you to participate in our first big LOBBY DAY of the year on Tuesday, June 13th, 2017 at the State House in Boston!**

When & Where: Tuesday, June 13th: 9 am – meet at the Climate XChange office at the Old West Church at 131 Cambridge Street in Boston and then head to the State House, to meet with Senators from 10 am to noon; and with representatives from 1 pm to 3 pm or later.

Sign up for the Lobby Day by [clicking here](#).

Two carbon pricing bills are pending in the legislature with co-sponsorship of more than one-third of the legislature. [S. 1821](#), sponsored by Sen. Mike Barrett (D-Lexington) would return 100 percent of the carbon fee revenues back to households and businesses, while [H. 1726](#), a bill proposed by state Rep. Jennifer Benson (D-Lunenburg) would return 80 percent and use 20 percent of the revenue to fund green infrastructure including renewable energy, energy efficiency, green transportation and protection against the impacts of climate change. H.1726 gives a higher fraction of total rebates to low- and moderate income people. For more on how the carbon pricing bills would affect low-income people [click here](#).

To train for the lobby day and set our strategic agenda for the rest of this year, **we'll be hosting a GRASSROOTS CARBON PRICING SUMMIT**. This is a great opportunity to get updated on the basics of the bills, to get to know your fellow carbon pricing advocates, and to learn what is coming up in the campaign.

When: Saturday June 10th, 10 am to 3 pm
Where: [Eliot Church of Newton](#), 474 Centre St., Newton MA 02458
Lunch will be provided

Sign up for the summit by [clicking here](#).

Support for carbon pricing is rapidly building in Massachusetts and New England. See the compelling opinion pieces by Naomi Oreskes and Jeremy Jones in the [Boston Globe](#); by Marc Breslow and Juliette Rooney-Varga in the [Lowell Sun](#); and by Chelsea Harvey in the [Washington Post](#).

For more information on either the June 10th Grassroots Summit or the June 13th Lobby Day contact: Andy Gordon at andrew@betterfutureproject.org or 440-799-3480.



PRAYERS FOR THE PLANET: REVERENCE & RESISTANCE

Sunday, June 11th • 2:00–3:30 pm
Under a Big Tent at Congregation B'nai Israel
253 Prospect St., Northampton, MA

A Festive, Spirited, Interfaith Outdoor Service

Gather outdoors with friends, neighbors, and worship leaders from a wide range of faith traditions in prayer, song, and silence, listen to stirring messages from two nationally known climate activists, and renew our energy, determination, and hope.

The Amherst Gospel Choir and other local artists will lead music.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

The Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Minister for Ecological Justice at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Boston. A community organizer and youth worker, Mariama speaks across the country on ecological justice, and has received numerous awards for her work in the nonprofit sector focused on engaging churches in climate change and ecological justice issues.

Jay O'Hara, a well-known Quaker climate activist whose faith led him to blockade a barge carrying 40,000 tons of coal with a lobster boat. He founded Climate Summer, a program for student climate activists, helped lead a Pipeline Pilgrimage across Massachusetts and New Hampshire against the Kinder-Morgan Pipeline, and co-founded the Climate Disobedience Center.

Everyone is welcome!

Volunteers are needed to help on June 11th. For more information or to volunteer contact Judy Hyde at judyquake@gmail.com.

Massachusetts Teachers Association Endorses Pension Fund Divestment



Last week, the MTA (Massachusetts Teachers Association) voted to endorse passage of H.3281, the bill to divest the pension fund of fossil fuels! On May 16th, 350 Mass node members and allies staged a rally for the bill at the State House. Rep. Marjorie Decker inspired the crowd to get the bill passed this session.

(From 350 MA for a Better Future)

Reflection of the Month

All-powerful and loving God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. We thank you for the earth, our common home. Teach us to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with the earth and with every living creature. Help us to be better stewards of all that you have given us.

Pastor Chris Haydon
Trinity Covenant Church, Lexington, MA
At the dedication of their 25 kW Solar Canopy on May 20, 2017

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Peace and blessings,

Your friends at MIP&L