

Dear MIP&L members and friends,

Hearings on Carbon Fee and Rebate

Tuesday October 27, 2015

Each year, Massachusetts sends \$18 billion out of state to buy oil, coal and gas from places like Saudi Arabia. What does that money buy us? Polluted air and water and extreme weather driven by ever-worsening climate change.

By pricing carbon, we can encourage the development of clean, local energy and keep more of our energy dollars in the Commonwealth. On Tuesday, October 27, the Massachusetts Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy Committee is holding a hearing on two bills that would put a price on carbon in Massachusetts. We need to pack the room!

What: Legislative Hearing on Carbon Pricing

When: Tue, October 27, 1 PM

Where: Massachusetts State House, 24 Beacon St, Boston, Room B1

For more information go to: <http://www.mipandl.org/advocate.html>

SHRINK YOUR CONGREGATION'S CARBON FOOTPRINT

Sustainable House of Worship Workshop



Saturday, October 31st at People's Baptist Church, Boston

Would your congregation like to decrease its use of fossil fuels, and the contribution they make to global warming? Are you interested in learning about solar energy? How to lower your energy bills? Mass. Interfaith Power & Light's Sustainable House of Worship—(SHOW) workshop covers all this and more. You will learn:

- How to track your energy use, cost and carbon footprint;
- How to find no-cost & low-cost projects with big impacts on energy bills;
- How to know when heating & electrical equipment needs to be updated;
- How to get solar panels with no upfront costs; and
- Rebates and financial help available through utility companies

When: Saturday, October 31st, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Where: [People's Baptist Church](#), 134 Camden St., Boston, MA

For information contact Vince Maraventano: vince@MIPandL.org or 617-244-0755. To Register [click here](#).

The fee to attend is \$10 payable online by credit card, or in-person by check. Light refreshments are included. Members of all faiths are welcome to attend!

Sponsored by the American Baptist Churches of MA & the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ.



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EVERYTHING MUST CHANGE: What Actions are Needed to Answer Francis' Call?

Wednesday, November 11, 2015, 7-9 PM

St. Ignatius Church, 28 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill

At our 13th Annual Meeting, Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light will conduct an interfaith dialogue on the question: How should faith communities respond to the climate justice crisis

Patrick Carolan, Executive Director, [Franciscan Action Network](#), Keynote Speaker. As the director of this national organization, Mr. Carolan organized demonstrations on the national mall during Pope Francis' recent visit.

Rabbi Katy Allen, President, [Jewish Climate Action Network](#)

Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, President, [MA Conference, United Church of Christ](#)

Christina Leano, Global Campaigns Coordinator, [Global Catholic Climate Movement](#)

To register [click here](#).

For information contact Vince Maraventano at vince@MIPandL.org or 617-244-0755. There is no cost to attend. All are welcome!

For directions to St. Ignatius [click here](#).

Sponsored by the Franciscan Action Network, Boston College & Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light

NATURE IS CHASING US—Connecting Catholics on Climate



CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

We are the first generation to fully appreciate our role in changing the climate and the last who can do something about it. If you want to **join a new group** of Catholics who want to promote *Care for Our Common Home* contact Fran Ludwig of the Lexington Catholic Community at Fludwig12@yahoo.com or by calling 617-686-8442.

Care for Our Common Home was the theme at the **7th Archdiocesan Justice Convocation** held on Braintree on October 24th. **Dr. Carolyn Woo**, President of Catholic Relief Services said, "Nature is chasing us and telling us it is time to wake up", a quote from Fr. Michael Perry head of the Franciscan order. She analogized the plight of the earth to that of a sick patient. Present international goals seek to limit future increases in global temperature to 2 degrees C. If we convert Celsius to Fahrenheit that increase would raise a human's temperature to 102.2. **And that is the best we're hoping for!** Four degrees Celsius would give a human patient a temperature of 105.

Two more sessions remain for a study series at **St. Brigid's Parish** in Lexington, being presented by **Sr. Ruth Rosenbaum**, Executive Director of CREA, the Center for Reflection, Education and Action.

When: Oct. 27th & Nov. 10th 7-9 PM

Where: St. Brigid's Parish Center, 1995 Mass. Ave., Lexington

Contact and Registration info [click here](#). People of all faith traditions or no affiliation are welcome. This series is free. Registration at the door is possible

Co-sponsored by the Faith and Environment Group of Sacred Heart and Saint Brigid Parishes & Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light

African-American Church Leaders to Issue Statement October 29th



Leaders of prominent Black church denominations will present members of the Congressional Black Caucus with a statement in support of climate change efforts. The historic statement has more than 10,000 clergy signatures representing 13 million Black church members.

Drafted by AME Sr. **Bishop George Battle**; NBCA President **Dr. Samuel Tolbert**, NBCUSA Vice President **Rev. Jesse Bottoms** and **Bishop Carroll Baltimore**, the statement begins:

"As leaders in the Black Church, we view climate change as a moral issue and one of the greatest public health challenges of our time, particularly for black and other marginalized communities. Breathing dirty, carbon-polluted air that causes climate change contributes to thousands of asthma attacks, hospital visits, and premature deaths every year."

To read the full statement [click here](#).

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.

If not us who? If not now, when?

Peace and blessings,

Your friends at MIP&L