

Dear MIP&L members and friends,



Springfield Area Interfaith Climate Justice Meeting

for Leaders, Activists, & Concerned Members from Springfield Area Congregations of All Faiths

Sunday, October 30, 2:00-5:00 pm
First Church of Christ, Longmeadow
763 Longmeadow St. (Highway 5)
Longmeadow, MA

- Dr. Saleem Bajwa, president of the Islamic Society of Western Mass
- The Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas: *Climate Change: An Emergency of the Heart*
- Dr. Marty Nathan, Climate Action Now &
- Jesse Lederman, Springfield Climate Justice Coalition: *Current State and Local Climate Change Issues*
- Vince Maraventano, Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light: *How Congregations Can Lead by Example by Reducing Their Carbon Pollution & More*
- MA Interfaith Coalition for Climate Action: *Current vision & campaigns*
- Small group discussions
- Planning for future action

Light refreshments will be served. For more information contact Joelle Million at: jmillion46@gmail.com

Become an IPL Cool Congregation — Deadline Dec. 16, 2016



This year temperatures are soaring, heat records are breaking, and people across the nation are being affected by our changing climate. 2016 is set to be the hottest year on record.

But instead of feeling hopeless, we can take action. IPL faith communities are leading the way. They are taking control of how much carbon they emit from houses of worship, homes & schools. Is your faith community one of them?

If so, consider telling your story and apply to win \$1000 for your congregation through the Cool Congregations Challenge.

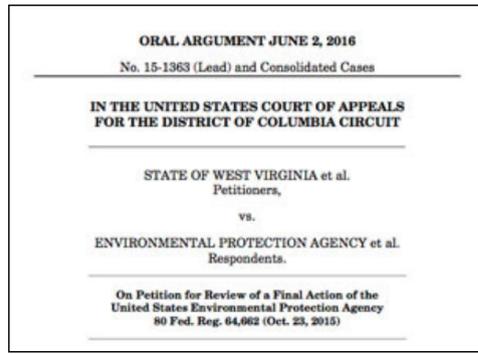
Projects are happening across the country and congregations are becoming renewable role models, energy savers, sacred grounds stewards, community inspiration leaders and new project planners. **The First Congregational Church of Stoneham, Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, Church of the Covenant in Boston, St. Andrew's in Framingham and St. Dunstan's Dover** have been recognized by Cool Congregations. So can yours!

Have you planned or started implementing a project this year? It could be the winning one. Learn more on the Cool Congregations website.

You are doing amazing work and we want to thank and reward you for doing your part to protect Creation and all the Earth's bounty for our children and grandchildren. Become a Cool Congregation today. **This year's deadline is December 16, 2016.**

Faith Communities Support Clean Power Plan with Brief in U.S. Court of Appeals

Another Reason to Vote — Matter Headed to Supreme Court.



An important reason to vote on election day is that the fate of the Clean Power Plan regulating emissions from coal burning power plants is likely to be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2017. This past February, just days before Justice Antonin Scalia's death, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a stay on the Clean Power Plan, with all five conservative judges supporting the stay and the four liberal judges opposing it.

On September 27th all ten justices of the DC Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments on the lower court ruling. A friend of the court brief filed by Jewish, Catholic & Protestant faith organizations argued that "we face a moral imperative to protect the Earth and all its inhabitants from a climate crisis of our own making". It also said that the EPA rule is an incremental or compromise measure and not a radical one as contended by the petitioners. [Read the brief here.](#)

Canada Adopts Carbon Pricing Nationally — A Lesson for Massachusetts?



Eighty percent of Canadians live in provinces where there is carbon pollution pricing. Now the national government has given other provinces 2 years to develop their own approach. If they fail to do so the national government will impose a minimum price of \$10 a ton, increasing annually to \$50 per ton by 2022. [Read more here.](#)

A law proposing a fee on carbon pollution failed to pass in Massachusetts during the last legislative session despite overwhelming support in the State Senate. MA Interfaith Power & Light believes that such a law is needed in Massachusetts. [Read more here.](#)

Comment on Gov. Baker's Executive Order Implementing the Global Warming Solutions Act.

On September 16, 2016, Governor Baker signed [Executive Order 569](#) which directed the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to implement a ruling of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court requiring Massachusetts to:

- Ensure that the 2020 statewide emissions limits mandated by the Global Warming Solutions Act are met;
- Set emissions limits for each year; and
- Build resilience and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

To submit comments to the Department of Environmental Protection [click here.](#)

We are The Earth — Public Prayer for the Planet

An Outdoor Worship Service to Celebrate God's Creation



3:00 pm — Sunday, November 13, 2016
Heifer Farm, 216 Wachusett St., Rutland, MA

2:15 p.m. Optional Free Guided Tour of Heifer Farm

3:00 p.m. We Are The Earth: Public Prayer for the Planet

- Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, Conference Minister and President, MA Conference, United Church of Christ
- Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, Missioner for Creation Care
- Bishop Doug Fisher, Episcopal Diocese of Western MA
- Bishop Alan Gates, Episcopal Diocese of MA
- Bishop Jim Hazelwood, New England Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

RSVP on [Facebook](#)

Questions? Contact the Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas at mbj@revivingcreation.org or 413-625-2888

What voices are you listening to this election season? Please vote ... and donate!

Dollar for Dollar Gift Matching Opportunity

It has been hard listening to the presidential debates. And hard listening to the commentators who confirm how bad they really were!

But David Rothkopf, in an article in FP.com reminded me of another voice that I need to listen to. Rothkopf says that "Nature is constantly sending us messages on how not to behave ... [She] also gives plenty of warning with the messages. ... I can just imagine Mother Nature off where she resides ... watching this and saying **'how many once in a millennium storms does it take to get these bozo's attention?'**" Please vote on November 8th. Mother Nature needs you to vote your values!



And please take a moment to donate to Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light by [clicking here](#) and then clicking on the donate button. **Donate by December 1st, 2016 and your donation will be matched on a dollar for dollar basis** by a grant from our national organization.

Your donation of \$50 means \$100 for us. Your donation of \$100 means \$200 for us! Mother Nature needs your vote. And we need your support!

Please [click here](#) and give generously today! You may also mail a check to us at: MA IP&L, 14 Collins Rd., Waban, MA 02468.

Peace and blessings,

Your friends at MIP&L