



Dear MIP&L members and friends,

Sustainable House of Worship Workshop



Sunday October 15, 2017 1:30 pm-5:30 pm
First Church of Christ Longmeadow
 763 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106

Saturday, November 11, 2017 8:30 am-12:30 pm
United Parish in Brookline
 210 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA 02446

Saturday, November 18, 2017 8:30 am-12:30 pm
Edwards Church of Framingham
 39 Edwards Street, Framingham, MA 01701

Leading by example can be a powerful part of our moral responsibility to care for creation. Shrinking the carbon footprints at our houses of worship means lowers energy bills & more funds for other important purposes. Participants will learn what to do about:

- Electricity — How to recognize the major energy hogs — and what to do about them.
- Solar Power — What options are available and which is best for your congregation?
- Heat & Air Conditioning — Is it time for an upgrade?
- Building Envelope — How to increase comfort & save money.
- Behavior — How simple actions can lower your energy bill – and carbon footprint.

For information or to register, click on the link for the location you'd like to attend:

Longmeadow: <http://conta.cc/2rsBUAh>. Advance registration closes on October 11.
Brookline: <http://conta.cc/2xA7IP5>. Advance registration closes on November 9.
Framingham: <http://conta.cc/2yib80i>. Advance registration closes on November 16.

Longmeadow: 1:30 pm: On-site registration & refreshments. 2-5:30 pm: Workshop presentations.
 Brookline & Framingham: 8:30 am: On-site registration & refreshments. 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Workshop.

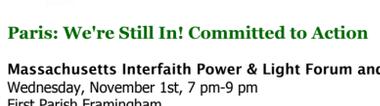
Fee is \$20 payable online through PayPal, or by check. Clergy & lay leaders encouraged to attend. For more information contact Vince Maraventano at vince@MIPandL.org or 617-244-0755.

All faiths welcome!

Sponsored by The Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ.



SAVE THE DATE!



Paris: We're Still In! Committed to Action

Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light Forum and Annual Meeting
 Wednesday, November 1st, 7 pm-9 pm
 First Parish Framingham
 Scott Hall
 24 Vernon Street
 Framingham, MA 01701

Senator Mike Barrett — Why Massachusetts Needs a Carbon Pricing Law
 Green Justice Coalition — Solar4All
 First Parish, Framingham — Advocates for 100% Solar
 St. Dunstan's — A Vision of Carbon Neutrality
 And more.

All are welcome.

Cool Congregations Challenge



From the devastation in Texas and Florida to the torrential monsoon rains in Asia that have flooded out millions, we are witnessing the impacts of global warming. It's hard to watch this suffering and know that our collective failure to break our dependence on fossil fuels have made these disasters even worse.

Congregations across the country are reducing their carbon footprints and boldly proclaiming that they are "Still In on Paris" and will continue to honor the U.S. commitment to reduce carbon pollution. Is yours one of them?

If it is, celebrate the progress you're making to protect Creation by entering the [Cool Congregations Challenge](#).

Congregations are eligible if they finished an energy efficiency, renewable energy, or grounds and water conservation project this year, or have engaged with the community to respond to the climate change crisis. There's also a planning category for those that have recently finished an energy audit and developed plans for improvements.

Find out [here](#) how your congregation can enter to win.

From Our Friends at 350 Mass

Solar4All Hearing on Oct 3!

Show your support for solar energy! Priority solar legislation to both increase the net metering caps and improve solar access for low income communities will be having its first hearing before the Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy committee. Show up to support our allies in the Green Justice Coalition and advocate for sensible solar policy! See the Facebook event [here](#).

Tue, Oct 3, noon-5 pm, Massachusetts Statehouse, Room A-2.

State Divestment Bill Hearing October 10th

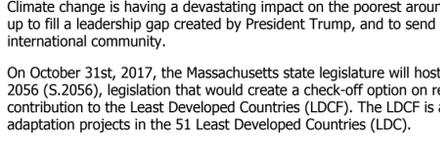
The bill to divest the Massachusetts Pension Fund from fossil fuels (H.3281) has a hearing before the Public Services Committee. All are invited to gather at 11 am in the 4th floor coffee shop to lobby beforehand. Facebook event [here](#).

Tue, Oct 10, 1-4 pm, Massachusetts State House, Room A-2.

Join the Baker Stand-in!

The stand-in is on! 350 Mass members (along with folks from partnering churches and organizations) will keep coming back in deliberately larger numbers to the Governor's office until he agrees sign an executive order against all new gas infrastructure projects. To participate in future office visits, or to find out how you can get involved in other ways to support this campaign, fill out this [form](#).

Tax Check-Off Bill to Fund Climate Adaptation by Least Developed Countries



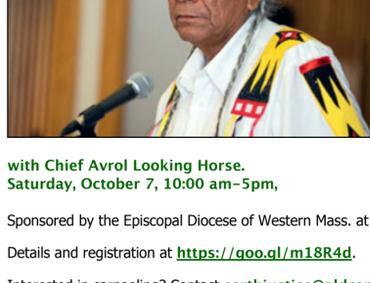
Climate change is having a devastating impact on the poorest around the world. Massachusetts is stepping up to fill a leadership gap created by President Trump, and to send a message of hope and solidarity to the international community.

On October 31st, 2017, the Massachusetts state legislature will host the first public hearing on Senate Bill 2056 (S.2056), legislation that would create a check-off option on residents' tax returns to make a voluntary contribution to the Least Developed Countries (LDCF). The LDCF is a critical financial mechanism for climate adaptation projects in the 51 Least Developed Countries (LDC).

For more information: www.Mass4Climate.com

To work for the passage of this critically important bill contact: Courtney Hinkle at: Courtney.hinkle@oxfam.org

Listening to Native Voices: Standing Rock is Everywhere



with Chief Avroel Looking Horse.
 Saturday, October 7, 10:00 am-5pm,

Sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Western Mass. at the Agape Community in Hardwick, MA.

Details and registration at <https://goo.gl/m18R4d>.

Interested in carpooling? Contact earthjustice@oldcambridgebaptist.org

R.I. Interfaith Power & Light 10th Annual Interfaith Conference on Climate Change: Transforming Prayers into Passionate Action



Monday, October 16, 2017
5:30-9:00 pm
Providence College

Featuring Tim DeChristopher, a prominent leader in the Climate Justice movement and the music of Bryan Cahall.

Enjoy a delicious dinner, network with climate change enthusiasts, and take local climate action all in one evening! A group of Rhode Island based environmental companies and organizations will be available to assist you.

General Admission \$30
 Students \$10
[Register](#)
[Facebook Event](#)

Making the Creation Connection: Christians and Environmental Justice



A Day with Margaret Bullitt-Jonas
Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017
9:30 am-4:00 pm

At Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference
 660 Great Pond Rd., North Andover, MA 01845

Register on line at: www.rollingridge.org
 Email: thestaff@rollingridge.org
 978-682-8815

Reflections of the Season

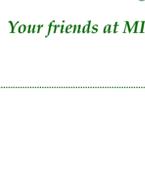
How wonderful, O Lord, declare the works of your hands!
 The heavens declare Your glory,
 The arch of sky displays Your handiwork.
 In Your love You have given us the power
 To behold the beauty of Your world
 Robed in all its splendor
 The sun and the stars, the valleys and hills,
 The rivers and lakes all disclose Your presence
 The roaring breakers of the sea tell of Your awesome might,
 The beasts of the field and the birds of the air
 Bespeak Your wondrous will.
 In Your goodness You have made us able to hear
 The music of the world. The voices of loved ones
 Reveal to us that You are in our midst.
 A divine voice sings through all creation

Jewish Prayer

CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord;
 yours are the praises, the glory and the honor and the blessing.
 To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
 and no human is worthy to mention Your name.
 Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures,
 especially Sir Brother Sun,
 who is the day, and through whom You give us light.
 And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor,
 and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.
 Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;
 in heaven You formed them, clear, precious and beautiful.
 Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
 and through the air cloudy and serene,
 and every kind of weather,
 Through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.
 Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
 who is very useful and humble, precious and pure.
 Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
 through Whom You light the night,
 and he is beautiful and playful, robust and strong.
 Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth,
 who sustains and governs us, and
 who produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

St. Francis of Assisi



"I learned this, at least, by my experiment; that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours."

Henry David Thoreau

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Peace and blessings,

Your friends at MIP&L