

Dear friends,

The Injustice of Climate Change — A Call for Action

MA Interfaith Power & Light Annual Conference
Monday, October 22, 2018 7-9 pm
Plymouth Church in Framingham
87 Edgell Road
Framingham, MA 01701

The same fossil fuels that cause climate change cause carbon pollution. 95% of the world's population breathe unhealthy air, which causes asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Asthma, extreme heat, flooding and intense storms all affect the young the old and the poor the most. They are the least responsible and the most vulnerable. That's why climate change & carbon pollution are matters of justice.



Keynote: Children's Health: The Front Line in Battling Carbon Pollution

Gina McCarthy, Director of C-CHANGE (Center for Climate, Health and the Global Environment) at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; and former head of the US EPA.



Environmental Politics: The Importance of Voting in Every Election

Nathaniel Stinnett, Founder & Executive Director of the Environmental Voter Project

Recommended donation \$20 — more if you can, less if you can't. For more information contact Vince Maraventano at vince@MIPandL.org or 617-244-0755. We ask you to PLEASE register in advance at <https://conta.cc/2OGYBwq> so we can plan properly.



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Sustainable House Of Worship Workshop



To respond to the climate change crisis we need to work together. Faith communities can lead by example by showing that our moral responsibility to care for creation includes taking action to lower our carbon pollution!

Participants in the workshop will learn about saving electricity; solar power; heating & air conditioning; sealing the building envelope and how changing behavior can lower your carbon footprint and your energy bill.

Each stand-alone workshop covers the same topics. Choose the date and location convenient for you.

September 29, 2018 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Christ Congregational Church Brockton,
1350 Pleasant Street, Brockton, MA 02301
Register at: <https://conta.cc/2wdLwn7>

October 14, 2018 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
St. Matthew's United Methodist Church,
435 Central Street, Acton, MA 01720
Register at: <https://conta.cc/2vSijhj>

October 27, 2018 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
St. Joan of Arc Parish,
570 Lincoln Street, Worcester, MA 01605
Register at: <https://conta.cc/2p5k9aK>

November 3, 2018 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
South Church, Amherst,
Kenseth House, 1066 South St., Amherst, MA 01002
Register at: <https://conta.cc/2M5mUGY>

Fee: \$20/person — more if you can, less if you can't — online thru PayPal, or in person by check. For more information contact Mary Anne Schoonover at maryanne@MIPandL.org or 617-244-0755.

All are welcome!



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Candidate Forum on Climate & the Environment — Where Do They Stand?

In a little over a month, Bay Staters will return to the ballot boxes to decide the direction we are headed as a state. We have the opportunity to hold our elected leaders accountable!

This coming **Monday, October 1**, community members are coming together at the First Church in Jamaica Plain to speak directly with our gubernatorial candidates about crucial issues relating to climate change, energy, the environment, and the future of Massachusetts.



Gov. Charlie Baker



Jay Gonzalez

Both Jay Gonzalez and Charlie Baker have been invited to speak on their vision for climate and environmental leadership in Massachusetts.

WHAT: Gubernatorial Candidate Forum on Climate and Environmental Issues

WHERE: First Church in Jamaica Plain, 6 Eliot Street, Boston

WHEN: Monday, October 1, 7 pm

RSVP to attend [here](#).

Be sure to share this opportunity for civic engagement with friends and family!

From Andrew Gordon at 350 Mass
350ma.org

Don't Let Ford Roll Back Clean Car Standards



On September 26th IPL and our partners United Methodist Women and the United Church of Christ dropped off at Ford headquarters a 12 foot scroll with the names of over 1,000 clergy/faith leaders and over 3,500 people of faith who signed on to [a petition calling on Ford to support strong clean car emissions standards](#). Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light was a signatory.

Energy Efficiency Day is Oct. 5th: Here's what you can do.



American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy



On October 5, you can join a nationwide campaign (#EEDay2018) to shout out the multiple benefits of energy efficiency, from reducing energy waste and saving money to lessening pollution and creating jobs.

You can let others know now about the third annual [Energy Efficiency Day](#) by emailing colleagues and friends or sharing posts on social media (here's a [toolkit](#)).

You can take other steps too, such as replacing an old light bulb with an LED, planning events to spotlight efficiency, or asking local officials to issue a proclamation (here's a [toolkit](#) for that).

About ACEEE: The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy acts as a catalyst to advance energy efficiency policies, programs, technologies, investments, and behaviors. For information about ACEEE and its programs, publications, and conferences, visit aceee.org

Reflections of the Month



South Carolina



The Philippines

A Reflection for Our Time

For thousands of years millions have prayed:

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging. (Psalm 46)

We lament the deaths of so many of our children, of your children, in so many parts of the world; we fear the destruction that visits us in the form of fires, winds and floods. We dread the reality that it will only get worse. We wonder what it will take to open the eyes of those who deny the reality of climate change—a reality that confronts us more brutally every day.

We are distressed that so many are blinded either by their own profits — or by false prophets who stir up fear and create division. For centuries we have prayed "The truth shall set us free." Now we are told "the truth is not the truth."

The rapacity with which we are plundering creation is causing massive injustice, and suffering. That is the truth. Our sacred scriptures tell us that no single group or nation can solve it. That is the truth.

Our sacred scriptures tell us that God's love abides — that God is love. How can we make sense of that? They teach us to "do justice, love kindness and walk humbly" (Micah 6:6-8). To have faith that God's love abides we are called to treat one another with justice, kindness and humility. And to face the future with the courage to act. And to act together — by building consensus, nurturing trust and collaborating across lines that in the past have divided us.

As Reinhold Niebuhr reminds us "Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone: therefore we must be saved by love."

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Peace and blessings,

Your friends at Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light