



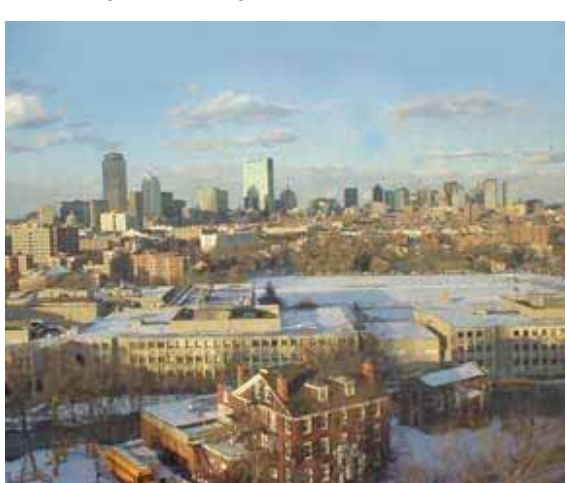
Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light NEWS

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Dear MIP&L members and friends,

September 11 Service Day

In April, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which included federal authorization to establish September 11 as an annually recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance. Growing out of work by MyGoodDeed.org — a group led by folks with family members who died in the World Trade Center — the September 11 Service Day presents an opportunity for the community of faith to join with their communities through service.



The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, an early MIP&L supporter, has included **Green Service** in its scope. Under the leadership of Bishop Bud Cederholm, a service team of Episcopalians and folks from MIP&L will gather at St John St James Church (149 Roxbury Street, at Eliot Square in Roxbury — in foreground of photo).

With CFLs provided by **LiveCooler**, the team will first green the building — which also provides space for a Head Start program. Then they will proceed to Madison Park Village, an affordable housing complex just north of the Madison Park and O'Bryen High Schools, which are just down the hill from St John St James. Madison Park Village is managed by Winn Residential.

COME JOIN US! We will gather at 9 am, working until 1 pm, then gather again at St John St James for lunch, prayer and reflection.

OR organize a similar service effort in your community. As with much of what MIP&L does and encourages, **IF WE DON'T, WHO WILL?**



LiveCooler is a Massachusetts-based non-profit, focusing its work on carbon reduction by a program installing CFLs in homes of low-income families. This serves not only environmental objectives but also broader objectives of social justice. Donating just 8 CFLs would save \$100 of electricity costs every year in Massachusetts, with money saved able to be used for other essentials, such as clothes and food!

LiveCooler works a little differently than other offset programs because you do not stop in donating money. LiveCooler asks that you donate the money — and take the actions in your own homes, and wherever else (such as your House-Of-Worship) that you can act for a healthier environment. For more information (and to donate \$s) visit the web site, www.livecooler.org

And for more about offsetting, visit [our web site](#) and get the [Offsetting Everyday Environmental Stewardship](#) brief.

Cap & Trade



The American Clean Energy and Security Act, a.k.a. **CAP & TRADE**, passed the House in June. It will be taken up by the Senate in September. Target adoption is prior to the Copenhagen Climate Conference, to start in early December 2009.

The key is a national "cap and trade" system for CO2 emissions and institutes funding for a variety of clean energy and efficiency measures, all with the goal of addressing the growing threat of climate change. The bill places an upper limit on total CO2 emissions nationwide (the "cap") and then issues or sells permits to companies and utilities that allows them to emit CO2. These permits can be bought and sold (the "trade"), thus encouraging businesses to become more efficient and sell their extra permits.

The House version was sponsored by Massachusetts' own Congressmen Ed Markey with Henry Waxman of California. Massachusetts Senator John Kerry is expected to take a key role in Senate action. As with all matters of critical impact on the environmental, be sure to convey your support for this effort — and all efforts — that ensure that good environmental stewardship is essential public policy.

For more information click the links below, especially the first by MIP&L Executive Committee member Jeff Barz-Snell.

- www.mipandl.org/ees/cap_n_trade.pdf
- www.theregenerationproject.org/ipl-fact-sheet-hr-2454.pdf
- www.nrdc.org/globalWarming/aces0906.pdf
- www.epa.gov/captrade

SAVE THE NATION - AND THE WORLD and find out



See **Bill McKibben's interview with on The Colbert Report**. It's fun — and informative. Click the image below to view the video.



Then pass the link on to your networks: <http://www.350.org/billioncolbert>.

Climate Convocation Sunday October 18, 2 pm Memorial Church, Harvard

In anticipation of the **October 24th International Day of Climate Action** (<http://www.350.org/>), writer and environmentalist Bill McKibben will offer his penetrating insights on global and local efforts for climate justice and the individual, institutional, and political change the crisis demands. People of faith and people of conscience, educators and community leaders, scientists and students will meet to hear a common call to action. Together we can make it clear that the world needs an international plan that meets the latest science and safeguards our irreplaceable earth for future generations.

Mark your calendar today — Sunday, October 18, 2pm at Memorial Church, Harvard University, in Cambridge.

EES of the Month — Wood Fencing

Want to go from

THIS



to **THIS**



and be **GREEN** doing it?

Find out how the congregation at All Saints Parish, Brookline did it!! Including materials, durability and transportation, all key factors in environmental stewardship.

Go to the MIP&L home page and click [on the link](#).

And then implement, at home, at your house-of-worship, and everywhere!

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Needham Gets It!



In Needham, lots of congregations are "getting it"!!!!

Houses-Of-Worship are being greened. And the members are taking it to heart and making it happen in their homes.



Temple Beth Shalom's switch to high-efficiency boilers is resulting in about \$3,500 reduction in heating cost.



The Congregational Church of Needham is projecting a 15% saving on the electric bill just from the "low-hanging" fruit, the installation of CFL light bulbs.



And consider **1st Parish (UU)**, which did a huge amount of work on its building. New heating, major reconstruction, lots and lots of insulation, and high-efficiency boiler and domestic hot water is bringing costs down as much as 50%, and that with a building that is 25% bigger and better!!!



And the community — as well as the HOWs — are being helped by the **Green Needham Collaborative**.

Its 10% Energy Challenge encourages households to sign up to reduce their household energy consumption by at least 10%. (The faith-community recognizes this as a tithe!)

Having community organizations and houses of worship recruit their members to participate drove the program to reach over 200 households by Earth Day. One Earth Day, Green Needham kicked off a schools-based campaign, where groups in six Needham schools recruited families to participate. By the end of June, over 450 households had taken the 10% Challenge.

Read about each of these efforts in MIP&L's latest [Case Studies](#) at our web site.

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Let us know. We're happy to add all to the list. And of course, **just forward it now!** (use the forward link at the bottom of this newsletter).

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Or send us an email at MIPandL@MIPandL.org with the email addresses to be added to our mailing list. Write "add to MIP&L email" in the subject line.



Peace and blessings,

Your friends at MIP&L