

# MASSACHUSETTS INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT



## Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light Newsletter January 2008

### Message from MIP&L's President Jan 08



Welcome to a new year, opening new and exciting opportunities for environmental stewardship.

MIP&L is a mutual ministry. We are an organization of congregations, working in our houses-of-worship to be responsible environmental stewards. AND when we do the right thing there, we tell our stories to our congregants ("go and do likewise"), to other congregations and then to where we work, learn, rest and recreate.

MIP&L is an organization that meets the definition of stewardship. We exist to give. To do so means each member gives at home and to/with the organization.

#### So we need you to...

1. Tell your stories, by preparing an Everyday Environmental Stewardship brief or Case Study
2. Assume responsibility for your region of Massachusetts as a MIP&L ambassador, reaching out to other congregations so that they know that "doing the right thing" is not only possible, there is someone who has done it who will help show the way.
3. Remember that **Being Green** has at least two results - the first is a healthy and lasting environment; the second you deposit in the bank!

Here are some specifics for the coming months:

Attend the *Going Green Expo* February 2 and 3, and help out at the MIP&L booth for an hour or two.

Start planning for an **Earth Day** event in your community.

Prepare for, then have the Home Energy Audit you've always said you would do. Get and use the Utility Use & Cost and the Home Audit **EES** briefs from the MP&L web site.

#### If We Don't, Who Will?

Blessings,

Tom Nutt-Powell

GET GOING!! ...TO THE  
GOING GREEN EXPO!!



February 2 & 3 at the Bayside Expo Center!

Host the MIP&L booth for a couple of hours and get in free!!

Email Tom Nutt-Powell if you can help, or call:  
617-821-6107

WHAT'S NEW AT MIP&L?

[Check out our spiffy new website design!](#)

*special thanks to June Santosa, our talented new web sexton!*

and...

We have 2 new EES (Everyday Environmental Stewardship) briefs for you:

- [1. On-Demand DHW](#)
- [2. Heating \(aka boilers and furnaces\)](#)

(What's an EES? An EES is a guide to making your Environmental Stewardship actions simple, uncomplicated, and easy!

and that's not all..

Our [MIP&L Utility Use and Cost sheet](#) has been updated! This customizable form, designed by MIP&L, will help you track your energy usage and calculate your carbon footprint. It's downloadable from [our website](#)

PS Please pay your member fee. It's the only way we survive, can produce this newsletter, sponsor events, and continue our mutual ministry of environmental stewardship. Thank you!

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 [The Sun will Shine this Month in Massachusetts!](#)



## Commonwealth Solar Initiative

The Commonwealth Solar Initiative- a \$68M solar rebate program- is set to launch on Jan. 23!! This broad initiative is the Patrick administration's new program to encourage the use of solar photovoltaic (PV) power by offering rebates that reduce the cost of solar panels and installation.

[Click here to learn more!](#)