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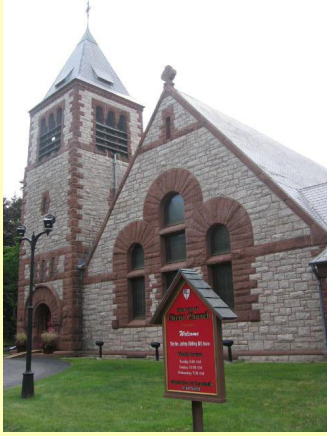
Dear MIP&L Members, Friends and Supporters,

Our July newsletter is slightly abbreviated (summertime, you know)...

We hope you are finding ways to relax and stay cool during these dog days, while honoring God's creation at the same time!

On the home front, this is a perfect time to take a few minutes to call your electric company and oil/gas company, get your past three years of utility bills, track your usage on the MIPL utility cost and use Excel sheet ([you'll find it here, on our website](#)), and prepare for your home energy audit. Knowledge is power, remember? Or, to preserve the pun, knowledge means LESS (wasted) power! If you do the utility cost tracking and get the home energy audit now (go to [MassSave.com](#)), you'll be in a much better position to know what you can do to make your home more energy efficient before winter strikes again!

HOLD THE DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2007
MULTI-CONGREGATION *GLOBAL WARMING CAFE* IN WORCESTER!
DETAILS COMING!!



MIP&L Member, Christ Church, Andover (left) is working with LEED-certified architects on green renovations. What does it mean to be "LEED-certified?" It's important to know- whether you're planning landscaping improvements to your church- or major church remodels or additions! See this link to the [US Green Building Council](#).

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Church Shopping (of a different sort...)

Check this out: ShopIPL.org is an online energy efficiency store for faith communities and their members sponsored by Interfaith Power & Light, the national organization of which MIP&L is an affiliate. (Note: Members of the community of faith get an additional 10% discount when entering the code "SHOPIPL" in the discount code field when placing orders.)

[Click here.](#)

By the way, did you know...Turning a CFL on and off frequently can shorten its life. To take full advantage of the energy savings and long life of CFLs, it is best to use them in light fixtures you use the most and are on for at least 15 minutes at a time. Good locations include outdoor light fixtures, indoor fixtures in the living room, family room, kitchen, bedroom, recreation room, etc. This is not to say you should leave your lights on all day if you use CFLs. It's still a good habit to turn the lights off when you leave the room for an extended period of time.

Next month we rejoin MIP&L's "Confession of a Carbon Bigfoot" series...see what's happening with area Global Warming Cafe's, and bring you further updates on MIP&L members across Massachusetts who are, as we put it..."doing well by doing good." Because, if we don't, who will?

Sincerely, in faith and hope,

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