



Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light



Environmental Stewardship with the Massachusetts Faith Community

May, 2007 Newsletter

Vol. 6, Issue 4

Greetings, MIP&L members and friends!

We at MIP&L have been busy these past few weeks!

This month's newsletter spotlights the new Global Warming Cafe' and the Low-Carbon Diet! It's an effective, user-friendly model of empowerment and action that you can use with members of your faith community. All you have to do is get a few people together, use the Low-Carb Diet workbook to calculate your individual carbon footprints and then take the steps to **DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!!** Read on....

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

**3 Quick Links You Can Use-
NOW!**

The Global Warming Cafe is Open!

*Empower your faith community to be a part of the
global warming solution!*

[Co-Op Power! Affordable, clean energy!](#)

[Buy Clean Energy!](#)

[MIP&L FAQs \(Membership dues have gone DOWN!\)](#)

MIP&L in the Media!

MIP&L's Co-founder and CEO (Chief Evangelical Officer) was featured on the public radio program, "Humankind." [Click here to hear an excerpt.](#)

Welcome, New MIP&L Members!

**Hope United Methodist Church, Belchertown
Community Church, Boston**

Universalist Unitarian Church, Haverhill

OK. Now you know the Inconvenient Truth about global warming. What now??

It's time to visit a **Cafe'**!

In fact, it's going to be a *great* May/June/July for the Cafe-Society!

And the first site will be **St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Natick**, hosted by their **Green Team!**

Here's what you'll find at the **Global Warming Cafe'**:

- You'll be sitting down with people like you, who understand that each individual has a role in minimizing human impact on the earth's climate- and are ready to do something about it!
- You'll have a copy of the user-friendly book, "The Low-Carbon Diet," which will guide the group through the process of calculating each individual's carbon footprint.
- You'll find out what you can do to significantly reduce your household's carbon emissions NOW. Simple, clear, and do-able.

Interested in attending? Stay tuned for the date and time at St. Paul's.

Interested in hosting a Global Warming Cafe' at your place of worship? [Email Maitre D' Mark Larson](#) for all the information. He'll show you to the best table in the house!

MIP&L Recognizes Two North Shore Churches for Environmental Stewardship

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Lynn has been awarded MIP&L's "Zone by Zone Award," after installing a new, high efficiency boiler and converting from 2-zones to an 8-zone hydronic heating system designed to match the church's patterns of use, reducing its energy use by over 30%. "St. Stephen's has been working on educating the parish about stewardship," according to former Senior Warden Chris Trahan. "It's not just about money- it's about being preservers and protectors of God's creation."



St. James Catholic Church in Salem was awarded MIP&L's "Faithful Retriever Award," for instituting a 'Paper Retriever' recycling program. The church gathers recyclable paper at a simple dumpster behind the church, which is then retrieved for recycling, generating income for the parish. Deacon Norman LaPointe says it's part of an ongoing effort to "take our time, talent and treasure and put it all together- saving money and saving the world."

MIP&L president and cofounder Tom Nutt-Powell commended both churches for their actions. "God helps those who help themselves," he said. "St. James has found a way to do the right thing- and is now prompting others to do the same." At St. Stephen's, he said, "They understand that environmental stewardship is practical and specific, and is about demonstrating that through environmental stewardship we do unto others as we would have them do unto us."

New Online Home Energy Analyzer from NSTAR!



One of your first steps in understanding and reducing your home energy consumption is to see where your energy \$\$ are going. (Hint- that dehumidifier you run 24/7 in the summertime is *spinning* your electric meter!!)

To get started, check out NSTAR's online "Home Analyzer" and "Appliance Operating Calculator." (You don't have to be an NSTAR customer.) <http://www.nstar.com/residential>

Then, [visit our website](#) to learn more about putting your faith to work through your own Energy Transformation!

We hope you enjoy this issue of the MIP&L newsletter. Contact us with your questions, ideas, success stories...horror stories/photos...and/or calls for help!

Remember: Wherever you are in your environmental stewardship journey, we've been there- and can help light the way (with CFLs, of course!).

[Begin that journey today, here.](#)

Most importantly, thank you for everything you and your faith community are doing- and will do- to care for creation.

Because... *IF WE DON'T, WHO WILL?*

In faith, and with hope,

Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light