



Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light

NEWS

November 2008

Dear MIP&L members and friends,

Last month we directed you to the [24 Questions](#). Each question poses a basic question about your life and how you are a good steward of the world.

The questions are in four groupings — Behavior, Thermal, Heat/AC/DHW and Electricity. For each question, **YES** is the right answer for effective **Environmental Stewardship**.

Have you looked at them? Are you a YES person? Or, like many of us, are you a "Don't Know" or a "No" person?

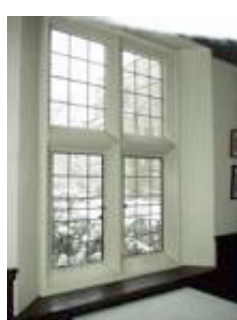
If the latter, then it is time to start your journey of faith-in-action. (And if the former, it's time for you to help spread the word!)

Here's a few guides.

In the **Thermal** category, question #4 asks,

Do you have "interior storm windows" for thermal performance?

What is an "interior storm window"? you might ask. You can find out by going to the [Everyday Stewardship](#) link on the MIP&L web site, and clicking on interior storms. Want a clue? Look at the picture!



Can't see the interior storm? Ah, that's the beauty. It's functional, it fits with the space. It works in the finest of rooms, in your house or your house-of-worship!

In the **Behavior** category, question # 6 asks,

Do you have a maintenance contract for equipment?

Gee, why should I, you might ask? It works.

Well, that's like asking if you should have a doctor even though you're not sick.

A good maintenance contract provides that annual check-up to ensure all systems are working properly. Even more important, it provides the "doctor" with a history of all the systems in question, and how they've functioned over the years. It's easier to diagnosis a problem, then fix it, if you know the patient. Again, go to the [Everyday Stewardship](#) link on the MIP&L web site, and click on the HVAC Maintenance link.

Got the idea? Good.

Keep asking those 24 Questions, and finding the path to Yes.

And don't be shy about your journey. Bring others along. It's what makes the world go round, healthy, happy, environmentally friendly.



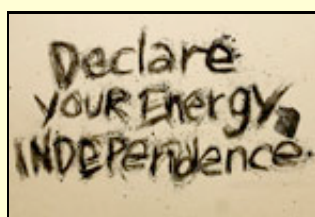
EES of the Month

Interior "Storm" Windows

Winter Draftiness? Need to deal with it now? Minimum disruption, high yield? Go to the [MIP&L website](#) and click on the link.

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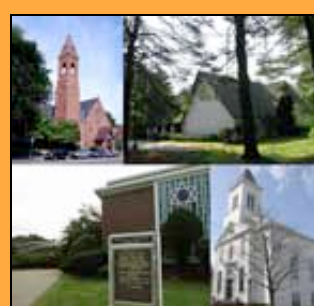
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Not having your electricity be 100% clean is like choosing to swim in a pool fed by dirty water. Neither is good for you, your neighbors or the world!

**Peace and blessings,
Your friends at MIP&L**

STEM



Savings Through Energy Management for This Old House of Worship

brings 5 to 10 congregations together in five 3-hour training sessions. Sponsor one with congregations in your community. Create interest, and a support group for implementations. More information [here](#).

New England Religious Summit on Energy, Climate & Economic Crisis

Speakers include Bill McKibben & Richard Heinberg

**Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008
11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

[Plymouth Congregational Church](#),

87 Edgell Road, Framingham

[Click here](#) for more information.

RSVP to Rev. Jack Johnson, [email](#) or phone:617-523-2771.

ANDOVER EVENTS



**Saturday November 15
3:00-5:00 pm**

Help with High Utility Costs ... For Everybody!

Learn from
Michael Berry
(Builders Assn of Boston)
Linda Soucy
(Greater Lawrence
Community Action Council)
Vince Maraventano
(MIP&L)
about increasing efficiency,
home weatherization, rebates,
loans, free energy audits and
Federal tax credits.

[West Parish Congregational Church](#), UCC, 129 Reservation

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[Click here](#) for more information.



**Sunday November 16
8:00 & 10:00 AM**

Tom Nutt-Powell, President,
MIP&L

Preaching on **"The People Who Belong to the Light"**

and showing of **Renewal**
at 11:30 Forum
with guidance on responsible
environmental stewardship at
home, at work,
at school, at play

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