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What's your Environmental Stewardship story? We want to hear it!

This month we'd like to invite you to write us with your own story. Ours is a Shared Ministry- we learn from each other!!

*So...[Email us](#) with the story (photos, too!) of your own journey of aligning your environmental impact with your faith-
Then look for your story on our website or in future issues of our newsletter!*

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NEW on the MIP&L website:

Our latest Everyday Environmental Stewardship (EES) brief... on Solar Power!
[Click here!](#)

Excerpt: "...The size of a solar system depends on how many kWh of electricity consumed per month. A typical home consumption rate of 1,000 kWh/month would prompt installation of a 10 watt system....A 10 watt solar system will save approximately 246 tons of CO2 from reaching the atmosphere. This is roughly equal to driving 490,000 miles in a car."

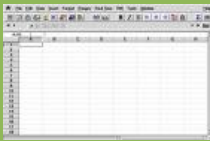


Are You Exposed to Unhealthy Conditions in your Church?

It's one thing to carbon footprint the earth, it's another to subject those who use the facility or who live in your home to unhealthy conditions. It's important to have your heating system checked and maintained regularly.

This photograph shows a furnace exhaust duct, with a rusted connection-allowing dangerous fumes to escape into occupied areas.

MIP&L's advice to this congregation: **Fix this IMMEDIATELY!**



WHAT IS YOUR UTILITY USE & COST?

Don't know?

Find out!

MIP&L has created an Everyday Environmental Stewardship brief on the issue of Utility Use & Cost. It's available on [our website](#).

And there's more! We've designed an excel worksheet to help you put the numbers together.

Just input your own data...and then use this information when you have your Home Energy Audit.

After your Audit is complete, continue to track your energy use with our Household Utility Use & Cost worksheet.

[MIP&L's Household Utility & Cost worksheet](#)

In the world of environmental stewardship we differentiate Use and Cost.

Use is behavior. It is what we do.

Action is stewardship.

Cost is the consequence of our behavior.

And with energy, **cost** is not just money- it is our impact on the environment, our health and our future.

Save the Date for a "revolutionary" Step it Up Event:

You are invited to a *revolutionary* event in the fight against global warming.

On **November 3rd**, people are rallying in hundreds of communities across the country to ask our political leaders and candidates to finally do something about bringing us into a clean energy future.

Step It Up 2: Voices for a Climate Revolution

Location: Cathedral Church of Saint Paul

138 Tremont Street, across from Boston Common

Time: 10:30 am - 12 pm

In Boston, gather at the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul on Tremont Street at 10:30 am for a Green Connections Fair and to hear regional leaders speak out on the generation-defining climate crisis.

Invited speakers include U.S. Senators Edward Kennedy and John Kerry, U.S. Representatives Michael Capuano, Stephen Lynch, Edward Markey, and John Tierney, Governor Deval Patrick, Senators Marc Pacheco, Pamela Resor, and Jack Hart, Representative Frank Smizik, and Mayor Tom Menino.

At **noon** the event concludes with a send-off celebration of the "Revolutionary Ride"- cyclists who will carry the Step It Up message along Paul Revere's route on their way to attend the "Revolutionary Energy Rally" in Concord, MA.

Head to

<http://events.stepitup2007.org/november/events/search/state/MA>

for information.

QUICK LINKS

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[Join MIP&L today! Memberships available to faith communities- and individuals!](#)

Membership in MIP&L offers a concrete way to put faith into action. Together, we will work toward environmental justice and care of creation. We will be a powerful religious response to global warming and environmental degradation!

If we don't do it, who will?

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