

Creation Care 2016

“You send forth your Spirit, and... renew the face of the earth.” (Psalm 104:31)

If you want to...

• “Green” your facility and home

√ Have your church join Mass. Interfaith Power & Light (mipandl.org).

√ Switch to clean renewable electricity from local sources. Call Mass Energy at 800/287-3950 x

5. Sign up here (<http://info.massenergy.org/mothersoutfront>) and Mass Energy will donate \$25 to the grassroots climate action group, Mothers Out Front.

√ Get a free home-energy assessment. Save money on energy bills and enjoy energy-saving rebates, incentives, tips and resources. Contact Mass Save (masssave.com).

• Build the local climate movement to reduce global warming pollution, strengthen the economy, and create a clean energy future

√ Sign up for weekly emails from 350Mass for a Better Future (350mass.betterfutureproject.org), a volunteer, grassroots climate action network in Massachusetts.

√ In the Pioneer Valley, sign up for weekly emails from Climate Action Now (<http://climateactionnowma.org/>).

• Keep your eyes on the local faith-based climate movement

√ Sign up for emails from Mass. Interfaith Coalition for Climate Action (interfaithclimatecoalition@gmail.com). This brand-new, fast-growing coalition is just getting started in western Mass.

• Weave care for Creation into every aspect of your congregation’s life

√ Sign up for Interfaith Power and Light's Faith Climate Action Week (formerly known as the Preach-In on Global Warming), taking place during Earth Week, April 15-24, 2016. Take a look at dozens of sample sermons and prayers. Focus on climate for at least one Sunday in April. (<http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/2016/01/faith-climate-action-week/>)

√ Create a “green team” or “Creation care committee.” Please give Margaret, your Missioner for Creation Care, the name of a contact person.

√ For resources (worship, prayer, adult education, Sunday School, Earth Day, etc.), visit Creation Justice Ministries (www.creationjustice.org) and Earth Ministry (earthministry.org).

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, Missioner for Creation Care, Episcopal Diocese of Western Mass. & Mass. Conference, United Church of Christ, is available to preach, lead retreats and workshops, and offer encouragement and support. I welcome your ideas! Please be in touch (phone: 413/586-0818; email: mbj@revivingcreation.org).

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