

“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and all those who live in it.”

Psalm 24:1

“Greater indeed than the creation of humankind is the creation of the heavens and the earth.”

Qur'an 40:57

“Faith without action is dead.”

James 2:17

“The earth we inherit is in danger; the skies and the seas, the forests and the rivers, the soil and the air, are in peril. And with them humankind itself is threatened. As earth’s fullness has been our blessing, so its pollution now becomes our curse. As the wonder of nature’s integrity has been our delight, so the horror of nature’s disintegration now becomes our sorrow.”

The late Rabbi Alexander Schindler, former president

Union of American Hebrew Congregations

“For years we have treated this planet as if its resources were inexhaustible and its future unlimited. We have acted as if the world is ours rather than a precious gift from God. Sadly, we are now beginning to see the consequences of those kinds of choices.... The care of the earth is a part of our covenant with our God that determines who we are and what we choose. So let the voice of the covenant people rise into a mighty and deafening roar so that all the world may hear: This destruction of God's world cannot go on. The time is now and we cannot rest until we are heard.”

Rev. Joseph C. Hough, Jr.,

President of Union Theological Seminary

Declaration of Intent

We are eager to become better stewards of the earth and to support the work of Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light. We will work toward a coherent program of responsible stewardship of natural resources, for our congregation's facilities, in our congregants' homes and in our community.

Congregation _____

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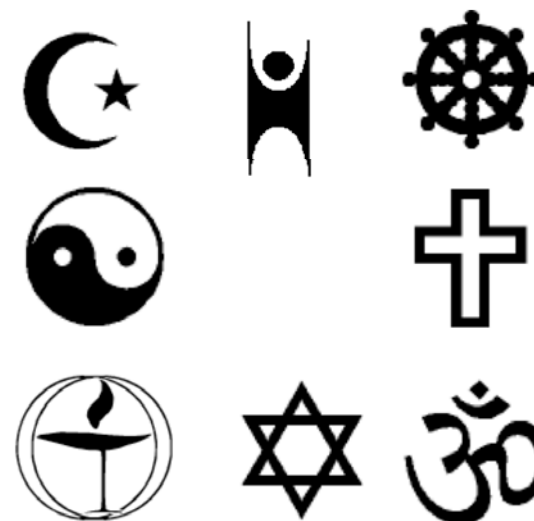
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Interfaith Power & Light

Environmental stewardship for the community of faith...



Together, we will....

Save energy
Save the planet
Protect human health
Protect the peace and
Create jobs too!

Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light

is a membership organization, with congregations of every faith joining to increase environmental stewardship within their facilities, in their homes, and promoting similar actions within their communities.

MIP&L is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

We must do better.

Houses of worship leave a notable environmental imprint. Per capita, per hour of use, houses of worship are often among the biggest wasters of energy, and the United States has more houses of worship than any other country. Although most congregations recognize the moral imperative for stewardship, they do not always stand on the moral "high ground" when it comes to actual energy usage. We need to become better stewards and, in the process, encourage and inspire our congregants to do better at home, school, and work.

**Membership in MIP&L is
Faith In Action.**

If we don't do better, who will?

See www.MIPandL.org
for more information

Membership Services *Basic Services, included with membership*

- General help and advice with utility and environmental questions.
- Special Programs, including workshops and membership meetings.
- Oil Buying Group for your house of worship.
- MIP&L Newsletter and Website.

Additional Services *Optional Services, paid for separately*

- An Environmental Stewardship Assessment of the congregational facilities.
- The opportunity for your congregation and each congregant to purchase clean, renewable energy.
- The opportunity for each congregant to participate in an oil-buying aggregation group.
- The opportunity for Capital Needs Assessments and 20-year Capital Plans for congregation facilities.
- Technical assistance, including various forms of assistance in project implementation.

How to Join!

Moving toward environmental stewardship and faithful action through membership in MIP&L starts with a simple step

**>>>Send in your Declaration of Intent
(included in this brochure)<<<**

On receipt, simple paperwork will make your membership official.

"The dramatic threat of ecological breakdown is teaching us the extent to which greed and selfishness . . . are contrary to the order of creation. . . . The ecological crisis is a moral issue." — Pope John Paul II

"There is enough for everyone's need, but not for everyone's greed." — Mahatma Gandhi
"Before you finish eating breakfast this morning, you've depended on more than half the world. This is the way our universe is structured. . . . We aren't going to have peace on earth until we recognize this basic fact of the interrelated structure of reality."

— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The earth should not be injured, the earth must not be destroyed!"

— St. Hildegard of Bingen

"I believe that to meet the challenge of our times, human beings will have to develop a greater sense of universal responsibility.... It is the best foundation for world peace, the equitable use of natural resources and, through concern for future generations, the proper care of the environment."

—The 14th Dalai Lama