



Michigan Interfaith Power & Light



2017 Michigan IPL Conference

On October 6, 155 people from around the state gathered at the University UMC in East Lansing to participate in Michigan Interfaith Power & Light's statewide Conference entitled *Heeding the Call: Faith, Hope and Climate Action*. The Conference began with

a riveting presentation by Dr. David Karowe of Western Michigan University on the potential effects of climate change trends on the Great Lakes Area. It ended with a rousing keynote address by Rev. Dr. Ambrose Carroll, who spearheads the national Green the Church movement that highlights the importance of Black Churches becoming more aware and involved on the matter of climate change. In between these talks an impressive list of presenters held workshops on how congregations are caring for Creation by practicing watershed discipleship, by "praying with their feet" in responding to the Flint and Detroit water crises, by engaging in the win-win of saving energy, by embracing renewable energy and by examining the implications of ethical eating in a time of climate change.

For more on the Conference please consult the [Michigan IPL website](#), where we are in the process of hosting some presenters' remarks & presentations from the event. We also have been reviewing attendees feedback to determine future event content and location.

See Dr. David Karow's presentation, "[Effects of Climate Change on the Great Lakes Region](#)" (PDF).

Be Like St. Timothy's

Congratulations to Fr. Joel Turmo and St. Timothy's Episcopal Church of Richland on your ENERGY STAR certification! Using energy wisely is one of the *best* ways congregations can be good stewards of the earth. Well done.

Your congregation can be like St. Timothy's by signing up for our free **Light the Way energy efficiency program**. *This is the last week to sign up for 2017!* [See our website for details](#) or call Jennifer at 248-463-8811.



Did you know?

- ENERGY STAR buildings perform better than 75% of similar buildings
 - Michigan has more ENERGY STAR certified congregations than any other state
 - If your house of worship is a Consumers Energy customer, Consumers will help you assess your eligibility and file the certification documentation no charge (contact us for details)
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Energy Efficiency Workshops 11/9/17:

Join us to learn why energy efficiency is a smart investment, what

steps to take to cut energy waste, and how to get recognition for your efforts. These workshops are geared toward houses of worship AND businesses.

- 8:30am at St. Peter Lutheran Church (1079 Riverside Dr.), Battle Creek. A light breakfast will be served!
- 5:30pm at ACTION Ministries (301 Main Street) in Dowagiac. Dinner will be served! RSVP by November 1 at 269-782-8212 or vphillipson@Dowagiac.org

More upcoming events:

10/25/17: [US Green Building Council Sustainable Detroit Forum](#), Wayne State, 9am-3:30pm.

10/27/17: [Urban Environment: Solutions for a Sustainable Future symposium](#), Michigan State University, 8am-5:30pm.

10/27-8/17: [Experiencing Nature as Spiritual Encounter workshop](#), Ecumenical Theological Seminary (Detroit).

10/27-9/17: [Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit annual conference](#), Marygrove College (Detroit).

11/5/17: "The Truth About Global Warming" with WDIV meteorologist Paul Gross, Temple Kol Ami (W. Bloomfield), 1pm.

11/7/17: [C-Change Conversation](#), Christ Church Grosse Pointe (Grosse Pointe Farms), 7pm.

11/10-11/17: [Green Shabbat Weekend](#), Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue (Detroit).

11/12/17: [Awakening the Dreamer symposium](#), Ann Arbor, 1:30-5:30.



Resources

Check out our free resources-- from energy efficiency manuals to study guides on the spiritual foundations of earth care.

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