This year’s conference highlights a wide variety of ways individuals and congregations can act as earth stewards. To what are you called?

Discounts for Members and Students. If you're interested in scholarships, contact Leah, outreach@miipl.org, 248-376-4603. Carpooling are options available when you register!
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KEYNOTE: Rev. Dr. Ambrose Carroll is the head of Green The Church, an initiative designed to tap into the power of the African American church community and to expand the role of churches as centers for environmental and economic resilience.

PLENARY: Dr. David Karowe is a Professor of Biological Sciences at Western Michigan University. He will discuss the effects of climate change on the Great Lakes Region.

Congratulations to Rev. Kerry Taylor-Snyder, who was our randomly selected survey response winner! Michigan IPL has made a $100 donation to the church she serves, First Congregational Church UCC of Jackson, in her name.

This photo we snagged from the church's Facebook page gives us a bit of a sense of what this congregation is about:
On the topic of the survey, we promised to share the results with you, and we will. Just as soon as we can get it together after the conference. Stay tuned.

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**In other news:**

*A Hole in the Roof Foundation provides building repair funds to faith and relief groups* of every denomination who care for the homeless and/or victims of disasters. Hole in the Roof, a Mitch Albom charity, distributes funds based on need and doing the most good.

*The Season of Creation*, September 1-October 4, is that time of the year when 2.2 billion Christians-- from Miami to Manila-- are invited to pray and care for Creation. Help your community respond to the Creator’s call to steward the Earth! *Host a prayer service with the easy-to-use toolkit or find a prayer service near you.*
Our Guidebook for Congregations Going Solar is here! The guide includes case studies of two churches (First Unitarian of Ann Arbor and Edgewood United Church in E. Lansing), plus information about permitting, financing, emissions factors, and solar installers and contractors here in Michigan.

Green Living Science, a Detroit nonprofit, can help your metro Detroit congregation or business start recycling! They'll provide an on-site assessment and connect you with a recycling vendor, a dumpster, and pick-up service for a single stream recycling program. Contact info@greenlivingscience.org or (313) 871-4000, ext. 3, for more.

You don't need thousands of dollars on hand to make energy improvements to your home or house of worship. Michigan Saves, a non-profit green bank, offers dedicated financing (at rates as low as 0%) for everything from insulation, to efficient boilers, to solar panels. Michigan IPL highly recommends their services-- check them out!

Need a new fridge? Income-qualified DTE Energy residential electric customers can now get a free ENERGY STAR certified refrigerator to replace old, inefficient models (manufactured before 2000). This program is administered by Detroiter Working for Environmental Justice while supplies last!

Upcoming events:

9/24/17: Solar Open House, Haslett Community Church (Haslett), 2-4pm.

10/6/17: Michigan IPL's Heeding the Call: Faith, Hope & Climate Action conference, University United Methodist Church (E. Lansing), 9:30am-3pm.

10/25/17: US Green Building Council Sustainable Detroit Forum, Detroit, 9am-3:30pm.

11/5/17: "The Truth About Global Warming" with WDIV meteorologist Paul Gross, Temple Kol Ami (West Bloomfield), 1pm.
11/7/17: C-Change Conversation, Christ Church Grosse Pointe (Grosse Pointe Farms), 7pm.

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

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