



Welcome New Staff Members!

We are excited to introduce you to two new members of the Michigan IPL team: Sustainability Programs Coordinator Rev. Peggy Garrigues and Administrative Assistant Shanon Kirkland-Morgan.

Peggy, who has served United Methodist and Unitarian Universalist congregations as a minister, will lead our project with Consumers Energy to bring free energy evaluations and efficiency upgrades to houses of worship. Shanon, a recent graduate from Wayne State, will be a critical support staff to make sure our programs run smoothly.

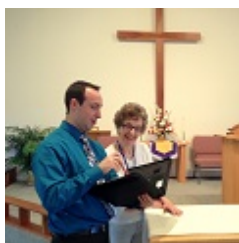


We look forward to what our bigger, stronger team will accomplish together!

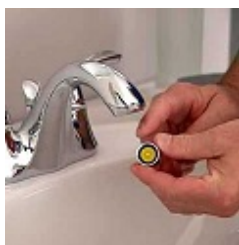
To read more about Peggy and Shanon, see [our website](#).



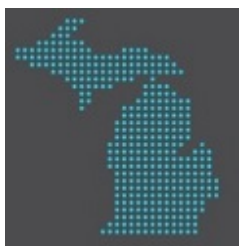
"I used to think that top environmental problems were biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and climate change... I was wrong. The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy, and to deal with these ***we need a cultural and spiritual transformation.*** And we scientists don't know how to do that." -Gus Speth



Congregations who care for Creation spend less \$\$ on utilities and more \$\$ on mission. In partnership with Consumers Energy, we are connecting houses of worship with [FREE energy analyses and efficiency upgrades](#). Call us at 248-537-9175 or e-mail projectmanager@miipl.org to sign up.



Did you know that utilities are required to provide their customers with free efficiency upgrades? [Sign up to host a workshop](#) at your house of worship to learn about at-home energy use and savings opportunities, and about how you can take advantage of Consumers Energy's free Home Energy Analysis program. We bring food and prizes, you bring questions! Contact Leah, outreach@miipl.org, to become a host.



[Nominations are being accepted for the Governor's Energy Excellence Award from now until May 20.](#) These awards celebrate outstanding achievements in energy excellence and seek to recognize people and organizations that have taken meaningful actions to stop energy waste. The finalists and winners will be recognized and celebrated in Fall 2016.



Join the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's call for new federal methane standards to reduce needless waste! [Send a letter to the Dept. of the Interior through the ELCA Action Center by Friday, April 8th.](#)



Have you planned your Earth Day service yet? [Join the Faith Climate Action Week](#), April 15th – 24th (previously known as the Preach-In) and get all the materials you need. Interfaith Power & Light's campaign for climate healing and action is now a whole week of activities from April 15th – 24th, 2016 in celebration around Earth Day.

Upcoming events:

[The Southwest MI Association of the United Church of Christ will be hosting "The Good Earth: Grounds for Renewal" in Kalamazoo on April 16.](#)

[A solar presentation at the Ypsilanti District Library will be held on April 23, 10am-12pm.](#)

Michigan Geothermal Energy Association's 2016 Conference will be held at Soaring Eagle Resort (Mt. Pleasant), April 26-27. Email johnsarver3@gmail.com for details.

[Michigan Recycling Coalition Annual Conference will be held in Plymouth, May 3-5.](#)

[Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council's 4th Annual Member Meeting will be held on May 4 in East Lansing.](#)



Resources

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

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