



Summer Break

In late May, the struggle for Michigan's energy future came to a critical juncture.

We asked you to stand up against the Senate bills that would eliminate Michigan's successful renewable energy standards, phase out requirements for utilities to provide energy efficiency services, and increase the costs associated with independent solar energy generation (net-metering).

And we're proud that so many of you spoke truth to power, making this our most robust advocacy action yet!

Thanks to efforts like yours, the legislature failed to pass these disastrous bills (SB 437 and 438) before adjourning for summer break.

As the campaign season intensifies this fall, it's impossible predict if or when this legislature will resume the energy conversation. But when the debate does continue, I know we'll all be ready to advocate, not for *just any energy*, but for *just energy* that protects us, our planet, and future generations.

[For a thorough review of where the Senate bill revisions now stand, see this blog from the folks at the Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council.](#)

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 248-463-8811 or e-mail projectmanager@miipl.org to sign up.



Want to help your Farmington-area congregation learn more about energy efficiency? [Invite us to give a workshop](#) about at-home energy use, savings opportunities, and how to 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.



[Bring the whole family to the first ever Michigan Jewish Food Festival, Sunday August 28 at Eastern Market in Detroit.](#) Enjoy food, celebrate local Jewish history, and learn about the food movement that's creating a more sustainable, healthier, and more just community for all.



[Nominations are now being accepted for Midwest Energy News' 40 Under 40 program.](#) This initiative highlights emerging leaders throughout the region and their work in America's transition to a clean energy economy.



One year ago in June, Pope Francis issued a clarion call to Catholics and people of conscience the world over. Caring for our Common Home "is not an optional or a secondary aspect" of our faith, but "is essential to a life of virtue." **[Read more of Michigan IPL Founder Fr. Charles Morris's recent Op Ed in the Farmington Voice.](#)**



[The Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association \(GLREA\) has recognized Julie Lyons Bricker as Leader in Clean Energy.](#) She is a former Executive Director of Michigan IPL, with which she has been involved since 2007. Among her many accomplishments, Julie made Michigan the national leader in ENERGY STAR-certified houses of worship.

Upcoming events:

[Voices for Earth Justice Community Potluck, July 30, Detroit](#)

[Michigan Jewish Food Festival, August 28, Detroit](#)



Resources

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

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