Exciting News About Our Upcoming Conference!

You're going to want to mark your calendar for this...

Michigan IPL is pleased to announce that we have three exciting and dynamic speakers confirmed for our **October 9 conference, Green & Grow Your Congregation, at Peoples Church in East Lansing**.

- Nationally-known Catholic Sister ("Nun on the Bus") **Simone Campbell** will be our breakfast keynote
- **Valerie Brader** (Gov. Snyder's top energy advisor) will host our Awards Luncheon and speak about the Governor's energy plan
- **Rev. George Heartwell**, Grand Rapids Mayor and sustainability champion, will lead the closing reflection

We're busy pulling together many great workshop offerings, as well. You won't want to miss a moment of it!

- [Click here to sponsor the conference or advertise in our promotional materials.](#)
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*We are currently seeking nominations for "Sustainability in Faith" champions. To nominate an individual, congregation or organization for a "Sustainability in Faith" award, [check out our guidelines](#) or contact Cathy Marshall at 248-537-9175 or [admin@miipl.org](mailto:admin@miipl.org).*

**Michigan IPL at the Governor's Energy Efficiency Roundtable**

On Wednesday, April 1, we were proud to bring a faith perspective to the Governor's Roundtable on Energy Efficiency. Rev. Yvette Griffin of Pilgrim Baptist Church (Detroit) told the story of how basic energy efficiency upgrades helped her church keep the lights on:

"When our congregation went through a hard time,
we were receiving utility shut-off notices. Without Michigan Interfaith Power & Light and DTE's help making our building more energy efficient, we would have had to close our doors. Thankfully, we're still going strong, and our food ministry now serves 300+ working families every week!" -Rev. Yvette Griffin

Pictured (from left): Rev. Yvette Griffin, Valerie Brader, Gov. Rick Snyder

April: A month of celebration

April promises to be a busy month, with celebrations of Passover, Easter and Earth Day! There are many ways to show Mother Earth some love:

- Passover, April 3: Tips for a sustainable Passover (by Jewcology)
- Easter, April 5: Even as the Lenten season comes to a close, it's not too late to participate in the "carbon fast." Check our calendar.
- Earth Day, April 22: Check out this interactive map of Michigan to find a local Earth Day activity near you. The Earth Day Network gives thousands of ideas for Earth Day actions, most of which you can do anywhere.

"In Michigan, we care about energy and the environment because we care about our kids and their future. These areas don’t lend themselves to quick fixes." - Gov. Snyder

On March 13, Gov. Snyder delivered his much anticipated special message on energy. Our own Executive Director, Luke Allen, was in attendance. "The Governor is obviously very committed to energy efficiency," Luke noted. In case you missed it, catch the recap with WDET's Stephen Henderson speaks with Nick Schroeck of the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center.

Use our easy online form to send an email to Gov. Snyder and your legislators telling them you want a strong clean energy policy for Michigan.

Join us for the Mama Summit, May 19

Moms Clean Air Force's annual "Mama Summit" is a chance for moms, dad, grandparents, and kids from across the country to show broad and united support for children's health. Together in a bipartisan-- or MOMpartisan-- setting, we will demand action to protect the air our children breathe and call for action on climate change.

Register for the Summit now and join us at the Capitol on Tuesday, May 19.

First Congregational of Frankfort Saves Money

First Congregational Church of Frankfort has figured out how to spend a little bit of money in order to save a lot more money. They had an energy assessment done and have
implemented several energy saving improvements. Now, they are able to use those savings for programming and building upgrades.

Read their Success Story here.

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Michigan Commercial and Industrial Energy Conference**, 4/1/15 (Harris), 4/8/15 (Battle Creek)
- **Let's Get Wild: Science Talk**, 4/16/15, 6:30 - 8:00PM (Bloomfield Hills)
- **Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream** program, 4/18/15, 10AM (Grosse Pointe Farms)
- **Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council Member Meeting**, 4/20/15, 9AM (Lansing)
- **Hope For Creation event**, 4/21/15, 7PM (Kalamazoo)
- **EARTH DAY!** 4/22/15
- **Earth Day Celebration**, 4/26/15, 2PM (Detroit)
- **Recycling Summit and Conference**, 5/5 - 5/7 (Kalamazoo)

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**Resources**

Check out a list of our free online resources for congregations. From energy efficiency guides to study manuals that help faith communities engage with the spiritual dimensions of earth care.

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Become a member! See our membership benefits (including discounts on energy efficiency products). Or, make a tax deductible donation in any amount.

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In 2015, Michigan's renewable energy standard will expire. Sign up to stay informed about policy and advocacy opportunities.

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