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## Connecting Faith and Sustainability

Dear Michigan IPL Friends,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying a restorative summer!

I write to let you know that Luke Allen has chosen to step down as Michigan IPL Executive Director to pursue other objectives consistent with his long term career goals. We wish Luke all the best in his future endeavors and appreciate the service and passion he brought to the organization!



Effective immediately, Leah Wiste, Michigan IPL Outreach & Advocacy Coordinator, has been promoted to Interim Executive Director. Cathy Marshall will assume the role of Deputy Director. Leah can be reached at 248-376-4603 and Cathy can be reached at 248-537-9175. Julie Lyons Bricker will continue as Lead Project Manager, and Board members will remain engaged in their various leadership roles.

I am so grateful for my fellow Board Members and for their level of dedication and commitment. Michigan IPL is strong and moving forward in important ways, strengthened by the Encyclical on the Environment from Pope Francis. I am touched by a recent Quotation of the Day from the *New York Times*:

"Science is like a compass.  
It can tell us where north is,  
but it can't tell us if we want to go north.  
That's where our morality comes in."

As people of Faith, we continue our important work together to care for God's creation and its deep distresses. Let's stay strong.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Esper Vogel".

Jane Esper Vogel  
Michigan IPL Board President

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**Sign up for Free Energy Audits and Efficiency Upgrades from Consumers!**

Through a grant from Consumers Energy, we are offering a limited number of FREE energy audits and FREE efficiency upgrades to houses of worship who are Consumers customers. We estimate that this benefit is worth \$2,000-3,000.

Consumers congregations in greater Lansing, Grand Rapids, and Kalamazoo will receive:

1. Energy audit of your house of worship
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There is zero cost for this. All we ask is that you join Michigan Interfaith Power & Light for a one-time fee of \$100 and that we conduct a 30-minute phone review of the energy report after it is completed.

To sign up, call Larry at 248-396-8231 or e-mail [admin@miipl.org](mailto:admin@miipl.org). There are a limited number of spaces remaining-- don't be left out!



*"To see the lighting improvement in the fellowship hall is a wonder to behold. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your assistance in letting us 'see the light!'" -Pastor Kevin R. Johnson, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Detroit*

## Upcoming Events

[ELCA Youth Gathering](#), 7/15-19 (Detroit)

[West Michigan Green Infrastructure Conference](#), 8/5 (Grand Rapids)

[Green and Grow Your Congregation](#), 10/9 (E. Lansing)

## 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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