



Connecting Faith and Sustainability

Nominate a Champion

Do you know of an individual, congregation or organization who stands out in terms of their actions on behalf of our environment? Nominate them for one of our "Sustainability in Faith" awards. [Check out our guidelines](#) or contact Cathy Marshall at admin@miipl.org.

The Sustainability in Faith champions will be honored at our October 9, 2015 conference, Green and Grow Your Congregation, to be held at Peoples Church in East Lansing. You won't want to miss it!



[Click here to sponsor the conference or advertise in our promotional materials.](#)

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Clean Air = Healthy Kids

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.](#)

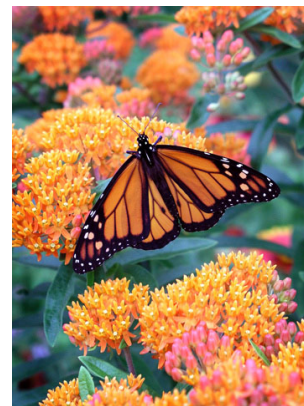
More Houses of Worship in Michigan Go Green!

Michigan IPL is pleased to be working in partnership with CLEAResult to provide congregations in smaller communities across Michigan with free energy assessments and installations of energy saving measures. Sixteen congregations in places like Alpena, Hillsdale, and Iron Mountain have received assessments and installs, including everything from LED lights to energy-efficient refrigerators.



Save water, money and time with drought-tolerant perennials

When your house of worship plans for sustainable landscaping, everybody wins! For one thing, replacing lawn with drought-tolerant perennials means using much less water. Once-established, plants like purple coneflower, black-eyed Susan, Russian sage, sedum, wild lupine and butterfly weed require little attention. They will thrive without chemical fertilizer or extra watering and, require no mowing, and they attract pollinators like bees and butterflies. Planting and nurturing a garden can also be a fun, spiritually-fulfilling activity.



[Check out MSU Extension's guide for creating Water-Wise Landscapes.](#)

Upcoming Events

[Recycling Summit and Conference](#), 5/5 - 5/7 (Kalamazoo)

[Michigan Energy Forum: RESILIENCE!](#), 5/7 (Ann Arbor)

[Green Home Tour](#), 5/9 (Ann Arbor)

[Northern Michigan Green Infrastructure Conference](#), 6/4 (Traverse City)

[Citizens' Climate Lobby International Conference](#), 6/21-23 (Washington DC)

[Michigan Renewable Energy Fair](#), 6/26-27 (Mason)

[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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