Friends,

Here’s a little of what we’ve been up to recently, plus a few things to check out. Enjoy!

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**Clean Car Advocacy**

Did you know that in the US car emissions are responsible for more deaths each year than accidents? And what about this? In 2015, the transportation sector surpassed the power sector as the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions.

That means that making our transportation system more fuel efficient saves lives, in both the short and long terms.

In 2011, automakers and federal regulators agreed to a landmark set of fuel efficiency standards (also called Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards, or "CAFE" standards) that would dramatically reduce emissions. But now the EPA and National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) are proposing to roll back those standards.

Meanwhile, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)'s recent report shows that limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees C-- the goal set by the Paris Agreement-- will require cutting emissions from their current level by 60% in the next 12 years.
The health of our planet and our communities hangs in the balance. On behalf especially of the poor, who will suffer first and worst as a result of lower standards, we advocated against the proposed changes.

Michigan IPL founder Fr. Charles Morris and 5 other faith leaders gave testimony against the rollback of fuel economy standards at the EPA and National Highway Transportation Safety Administration’s public hearing in Dearborn on September 24.
Together with United Methodist Women, the United Church of Christ, and Interfaith Power & Light supporters across the country, we urged Ford Motor Company to uphold the fuel efficiency standards they agreed to in 2011.

Over 1,000 clergy and 3,500 laypeople signed our letter, and we delivered the signatures-- all 12 feet of them!-- to Ford Headquarters on September 25.

There is still time to voice your opposition to this dangerous proposal.

**Submit your written comment to the NHTSA about the proposed "Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule"** online by **October 23**.

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**Faith Leaders Rally Against Detroit Water Shut-Offs**

On October 4, **scores of faith leaders** from many traditions gathered at the Spirit of Detroit statue to denounce the water shut offs that are still ongoing in Detroit.
Rabbi Ariana Silverman (above) of the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue reminded the crowd that the very first verses of Genesis show us just how essential water is to life:

"Before there was land, there was water. Before there was light, there was water. One might even say that G-d needed water!"

The rally, organized by the People's Water Board Coalition, was interfaith community at its best.

- To see what candidates for the state legislature from Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties have to say about water access and affordability, check out the [People's Water Board's Candidate Survey](#).
- Read about the Water Affordability Plan proposed by the People's Water Board [here](#).

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**Solar Workshops & Resources**

We wrapped up our series of 3 solar for houses of worship workshops in Detroit in September!

We covered the basics of how solar works, why you should do it (and do it now), and how churches in Michigan have made solar projects happen, including how they paid for their systems.

You can download all the presentations [here](#).

If you have other questions, get in touch!
Michigan IPL and Ryter Cooperative Industries helped Rev. Yvette Griffin and her Green Team install solar lights at Pilgrim Baptist Church.

**Light the Way - Now for Consumers Gas Customers**
Until now, Light the Way has only been available to houses of worship with Consumers Energy electricity.

**As of this month, houses of worship with Consumers' gas service are eligible for this free program.** (Why free? Read more [here](#).)

If your congregation is in Oakland, Livingston, Macomb, Lapeer, Tuscola, Huron, or Van Buren county, this could include you!

Not sure if what utility your house of worship has? See a map of Consumers Energy service territory [here](#).

**Here's how it works:**

1. [Sign up](#).
2. Consumers Energy schedules an appointment at your house of worship.
3. An Energy Advisor assesses your facility and installs an average of $1,300 in efficiency upgrades.

**Sign up for Light the Way**
Detroit 2030 District Houses of Worship Green Team Meeting, Monday 10/22

Detroit 2030 District
Houses of Worship October Meeting
Green Team Meeting & Boots on the Ground
Monday, October 22, 2018
Christ Church
960 E. Jefferson Ave, Detroit, MI 48202

Agenda:
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Green Team Meeting
   • Introductions
   • Energy Mgmt Toolkit
   • Ambassador Program
   • 2019 Action Agenda
12:00 - 12:30 p.m. - Lunch will be served
12:30 - 2:00 p.m. - Boots on the Ground Campaign
Teams of volunteers will visit House of Worship in the 2030 District to drop off marketing materials and spread the word about this program.
More details will be given at the meeting. Gas reimbursement is available.

Volunteers are needed! Lunch included

Learn more here.

Sustainable Detroit Forum, Wednesday 10/24

2nd Annual Sustainable Detroit Forum
Showcasing Our Healthy High-Performance City
Student Center
Wayne State University
October 24, 2018
9:00am - 5:30pm
The day will include presentations on sustainable Detroit-based projects, keynote speakers, vendor displays, and plenty of time to meet with new or old friends and colleagues.

Registration includes a light breakfast, lunch, drink tickets for the afterglow, and "lots and lots of coffee."

**Buy tickets.**

The Forum is organized by the US Green Building Council and co-sponsored by Michigan IPL.

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**Great Lakes Detroit Bioneers, 11/2-3**

This conference will focus on: Relationship, Communication, Respect for all Life, the Commons, and Spirituality.

The conference's intention is to engage participants in a learning experience that invites all to explore topics, develop skills, and take actions for Living as One Earth Community.

**Register and learn more.**

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*Do you have an event other members of the Michigan IPL community might be interested in? Let us know: admin@miipl.org, 248-537-9175.*
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