Friends,

It's been a couple of months since we've been able to bring you our "monthly" e-newsletter, which you have been clamoring for :)

We apologize for the delay. Enjoy!

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Join us this Saturday in Detroit for a Solstice Celebration
In the northern hemisphere, Dec. 21 is the shortest day of the year, which is to say it is the darkest day of the year. For thousands of years, people from all cultures and parts of the world have marked the Winter Solstice as the day on which the light and warmth of summer start their slow return.

We and our friends at Voices for Earth Justice invite you to join us for a simple celebration of the Winter Solstice this Saturday, Dec. 21, at 7pm St. Peter's Church, Detroit (1950 Trumbull at Michigan).

Michigan folk singer Julie Beutel will lead us in song. You'll enjoy mulled wine and vegan marshmallows with new and old friends. Learn more and let us know you're coming here.

Building a Collective Voice of Moral Leadership - 12th Sustainability Conference recap

In November, over 160 people of faith and conscience from all over the state came together at Marygrove College in Detroit for our biennial sustainability conference.

In case you missed it, check out:

- this video of the libation ceremony, water songs and Keynote remarks
- this video of the Keynote Dialog
We are thankful to the many clergy, lay leaders of green initiatives in congregations, community members, and folks working in energy and sustainability-related fields who contributed to making this day possible.

We are especially grateful to members of the planning team: Intern Emma Pittsley, Consultant William Copeland, and Board members Rev. Deb Hansen, Rabbi Moshe Givental, and Jim Detjen; and to ALL of the volunteers who helped the day run smoothly, especially Andy Mayville, Andy Pittsley, and Paul Borucki <3. Thanks also to Valerie Jean for the beautiful photography! (She is also available for hire! DM her on Facebook.)

We hope you will join us next time, somewhere else in Michigan, in 2021!
Interfaith collaboration raises funds for local shelter

This fall, three Lansing area congregations (University Lutheran Church, Haslett Community Church, and the Islamic Center of East Lansing) came together in an effort to raise funds for an area shelter. The initiative was sparked by the three congregation's participation in the House of Worship
Rewards program, from which they collectively achieved the Advocate reward - a $500, no strings attached, check from Consumers Energy.

Inspired to make these dollars go further, the trio applied for a grant from Michigan IPL's Carbon Fund which funds carbon emissions-reducing projects for communities in need. Finally, each participating congregation returned to their respective congregations and invited further donations.

In total, we raised $5,500 for Haven House, an E. Lansing-based nonprofit that provides emergency housing and support services for homeless families, for the organization to invest in making energy efficient improvements to save on energy bills. Check out our spot on WILX Channel 10 News here.

**Be like the Lansing trio and learn how your faith community can earn a cash reward of up to $5,000.**

Our Carbon Fund is 100% donation-driven. If you think clean, green energy should be available for ALL, consider making a tax-deductible donation.

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**The Report: Organize a Congregational Screening**

Last month, Amazon Studios released "The Report," a film that chronicles an investigation by U.S. Senate staffer Dan Jones into the CIA's torture program.

The National Religious Campaign Against Torture is working with faith leaders to publish op-eds and publish letters to the editor to speak out against U.S.-supported torture.
Get your congregation talking about matters of justice and government accountability and inspire them to action by screening the film *The Report*.

**View the toolkit for congregational screenings and sign up for your FREE screening kit here.**

DVDs are not available, but the film is streaming on Amazon Prime now (you can download it, so you don’t have to rely on church wifi). **View the trailer here.**

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