

What we do!

The Interfaith Coalition on Energy (ICE) works with about 7,400 congregations within a 50-mile radius of Philadelphia's City Hall. ICE helps them reduce their energy use and cost through this newsletter, workshops, publications and on-site energy surveys. See our website www.interfaithenergy.com for more information. ICE

Send us your email address

We are starting to compile a list of congregations who want us to communicate with them quickly by email about important news that can't wait for our newsletter. If you want to be included, send your email address to andrewrudin@earthlink.net ICE

From the Energy Policy Act of 2005

On June 22, 2005, an amendment to the Energy Policy Act of 2005 was passed in U.S. Senate and includes the following: "Congress finds that—

"(1) greenhouse gases accumulating in the atmosphere are causing average temperatures to rise at a rate outside the range of natural variability and are posing a substantial risk of rising sea-levels, altered patterns of atmospheric and oceanic circulation, and increased frequency and severity of floods and droughts;

"(2) there is a growing scientific consensus that human activity is a substantial cause of greenhouse gas accumulation in the atmosphere; and

"(3) mandatory steps will be required to slow or stop the growth of greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere."

On February 2, 2006 Senators Pete V. Domenici (Chair) and Jeff Bingaman (Ranking member) of the Energy Committee published a white paper on "Design Elements of a Mandatory Market-Based Greenhouse Gas Regulatory System" which you can obtain at <http://energy.senate.gov/public/> ICE

Delmarva customers face 59% jump in bills

The following is from Steven Church's article from Delaware's February 3, 2006 News Journal:

"Electric bills for most Delaware residents will soar by 59 percent May 1 when price caps end and consumers are exposed to the full impact of an unregulated power market, the state's main electric company said Thursday. Delmarva Power, which supplies more than 80 percent of Delaware electricity customers, will boost rates in May to pay for dramatic increases in the cost of the fuels used to generate power, the company said Thursday. The hike will bring the typical customer's bill (based on 1,000 kilowatt hours) to \$145 a month from \$91, according to Delmarva." ICE

What do you do with candelabra light sockets?

Candelabra sockets are small. We find them in chandeliers, pendant fixtures, wall sconces. We could buy a candelabra based, flame-shape compact fluorescent lamps, but the wattage is usually low and the light quality does not seem as good. Pamela Bracey of Calvary Church, Germantown (and Pleasantview Baptist Church) did some research to find that www.bulb.com sells an adapter for \$1.99 each that modifies a candelabra socket into a standard, medium-base socket that accepts the higher wattage, better color, compact fluorescents. Their product number is S51. Their minimum order is \$19.95 (10 sockets), and their shipping charges for that are \$7.90. Thanks Pamela! ICE



40% Reduction in One Oil Delivery to Low Income Households

Thanks to Citizens Energy and the Citgo Oil Company, a new discount oil program for low income oil heated households, especially those who have received and exhausted their LIHEAP cash and/or crisis benefits has started February 1, 2006. Low income households get one delivery of up to 200 gallons of home heating oil from one of five specific oil dealers. The oil customer pays 60% and Citizen's Energy pays the remaining 40%, passing on an oil discount from Citgo Oil Company, authorized by the Venezuelan government. This applies to households in Philadelphia, Delaware, Bucks, Montgomery and Chester counties that earn 150% of federal poverty level or less:



1 person = \$14,700	3 people = \$24,900	5 people = \$35,200
2 people = \$19,800	4 people = \$30,000	6 people = \$40,200

Applicants must apply for LIHEAP and Crisis first. After LIHEAP closes, applicants may apply at their local ECA Neighborhood Energy Center. Applications will be taken until April 30, 2006. Call 215-988-0952 for more information. Households that have already applied for LIHEAP should just wait for their authorization letter from DPW.

Unitarian Universalist Slide Show on the Web

Many Green Sanctuary congregations contributed photos of their Green Sanctuary activities to help create a slideshow that was screened several times immediately before and after General Assembly Plenary sessions in Ft. Worth this year. Darrell Crutchley of the Auburn, AL UU Congregation volunteered to meld the many contributions into wonderful, informative tool to showcase our organization and the work of Green Sanctuary congregations. The presentation may now be viewed on the UU Ministry for Earth website. Go to <http://www.uuministryforearth.org/GAPresentation2005.htm> to see the show!

New bumper sticker

And from the Main Line Unitarian Church, a new bumper sticker....

**SLOWING DOWN... SAVING GA\$
THINK AGAIN BEFORE YOU PASS**

Call (610) 688-8332 (ext. 35) for more details.

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Energy Management Workshop

The Central Baptist Church and Main Line Unitarian Church are hosting an Energy Cost Reduction Workshop on Saturday, April 15, 2006 -- "*PRACTICAL ADVICE---REAL SOLUTIONS.*" Registration starts at 8:45am at the Main Line Unitarian Church at 816 S. Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA 19333. Call (610) 688-8332 (ext. 35) for more details. The workshop ends at 1pm. The charge is \$15 to pay for lunch and expenses. ICE Project Coordinator Andrew Rudin will be one of the speakers.

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Energy Conference and Expo

It's not the biggest, or the best, but GlobalCon 2006 is coming to Philadelphia with dozens of exhibitors showing off their energy products on March 29-30, 2006 in the Pennsylvania Convention Center – Hall C, 1101 Arch Street in Philadelphia. The best part is that it is free, if you register before March 17. See www.GlobalConevent.com. ICE

Helpful websites

On September 29, 2005 the Presbyterian Church of the USA published a list of energy-related websites. Here is part of their list:



ENERGY EFFICIENCY RESOURCES FROM PC(USA)
<http://pcusa.org/energy/resources.htm>

ENVIRONMENTAL CHOICES FOR CONGREGATIONS
<http://eco-justice.org/Choices2.asp>

ELECTRIC STEWARDSHIP
<http://pcusa.org/energy/congregation.htm>

ENVIRONMENTAL CHOICES FOR INDIVIDUALS
<http://eco-justice.org/Choices1.asp>

TIPS FOR SAVING AUTOMOBILE FUEL *Consumer Reports*
http://www.consumerreports.org/main/content/display_report.jsp?FOLDER%3c%3efolder_id=576243&ASSORTMENT%3c%3east_id=389451&bmUID=1126241960237

FUEL EFFICIENT CARS <http://www.fueleconomy.gov/>

HOW TO SAVE ON HOME ENERGY BILLS *Consumer Reports*
http://www.consumerreports.org/main/content/display_report.jsp?FOLDER%3c%3efolder_id=344711&ASSORTMENT%3c%3east_id=333147&bmUID=1126242100167

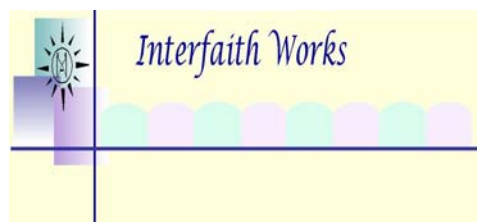
HOME ENERGY SAVER <http://hes.lbl.gov/>

SHOPPING FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT PRODUCTS
<http://www.ase.org/section/audience/consumers/eeshopping/>

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INTERFAITH WORKS PUBLISHES RELIGION-ENVIRONMENT CURRICULUM

Interfaith Works is in Kutztown, PA. They sell a new, 8-session curriculum called exploration-expression to be used by congregations to study the relationship between religion, creation and sustainability. Each session contains an introduction, readings, four explorations (God, us, worship space, and home) and eight creative activities (writing, photography, building, theater, music, graphics, and actions). Each packet is \$10. Each Leader's Guide is \$15. Interfaith Works will lend sets to congregations that can't afford to purchase them. Very well done! Interfaith Works, 183 Main Street, Kutztown, PA 19530, 610-683-9455. ICE



From ICE Enthusiasts:

I do remember how helpful you were with a heating system change when I had maintenance responsibility at the Christian Science Church in Swarthmore some years ago. Now that I'm at the West Chester church, I'm still in maintenance and look forward to your bulletins. Thanks for all you do. *Harry Beach*

On behalf of Westminster Presbyterian Church, thank you for the comprehensive report with recommendations that you made on our behalf. Our check for your fee is enclosed. *Anne Gunn*, Church Administrator

This small donation will not go far nowadays. But I think your organization is helping.

John Menger, Minneapolis

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There are a number of reasons to give money to us:

- You may have extra money lying around, and you don't know what to do with it.
- Perhaps you want to support an energy conservation organization that solely represents the interests of people of faith.
- Maybe you like ICE; maybe one of our articles or a phone conversation saved your congregation money.
- Your contribution is tax-deductible.

Whatever your reasons, please send ICE a check so that we may continue to serve.

ICE, 7217 Oak Avenue, Melrose Park, PA 19027

Thanks. ICE