

## CLTF Meeting Dec 9, 2018 Agenda (for me)

**In attendance:** Lynn L., Connie G., Fred G., Deb O., Terrie R., Kevin R., Gary M., Dave L., Jon Lyon, Ann Lu, Dianne P., Lucia Miringu, Sam Miringu, Fran R., Dave M., Carolyn Bonier, Prudence B., Rob Bonney, Jim Mulloy, Lee B. and Karen Martin

We started with a social time, followed by a short video on consumerism:  
<https://storyofstuff.org/blog/never-look-at-clothes-the-same-way-again/>

Bad news, Good news, Reading:

IPCC report indicated we must reduce global greenhouse gas emissions by 45% before 2030 and be net-zero by 2050 to have a 50/50 chance of keeping global temp rise to 1.5 degrees. As of 2018, global emissions are still rising. Good news: A major US utility, XCEL, has committed to 100% clean energy by 2050 (80% by 2030). Bernie Sanders held a National Town Hall on Climate Change

([https://www.facebook.com/senatorsanders/videos/719689831743698/?fref=gs&dti=1686657444956828&hc\\_location=group](https://www.facebook.com/senatorsanders/videos/719689831743698/?fref=gs&dti=1686657444956828&hc_location=group)).

And on Thursday night, Bernie was on Colbert and they talked quite a while on climate change and the IPCC report.

This is the reading Dave Cook chose for the Veterans' Day Service. It has meaning in climate justice work, too.

“Take Courage friends

The way is often hard, the path is never clear,

And the stakes are very high.

Take courage.

For deep down, there is another truth:

You are not alone.”

- I. Accomplishments since last time
  1. CJ members attended Climate Rally in East Boston 9/8
  2. Second attempt by CJ members to convince N. Andover BOH to send letter to Baker asking for study of health vs gas pipelines
  3. Environmental Voter Project signups during coffee hour
  4. CJ members helped MV residents impacted by the gas explosion

- a) Intake help at GLCAC, Greater Lawrence Community Action Council
- b) Hosted vegetarian potluck for those without heat
- c) Formed interfaith alliance and met with Columbia Gas President to advocate for fuel efficient gas equipment and alternative fuel transition
- d) Connected Gas Leaks Allies, HEET and MVP
- e) Unloaded and delivered induction stoves in conjunction with Gas Leaks Allies
- f) Worked with the offices of Sen. Markey, Ma Sen. Tarr, Ma Attorney General, Ma Department of Energy Resources on pushing energy efficiency and transition to alternative fuel sources. Talked with Markey aides.
- g) Collected blankets, warm clothing and Market Basket gift certificates
- h) Attended federal hearing on gas explosions, encouraged impacted residents to attend and tell their story, spread the word
- i) reached out to media (radio and print), got three stories on WBUR, WGBH: WBUR story about CG “commitment” to energy efficiency (“believe it when I see it”), story about shifting policy about ASHPS (Laura Howell, Kate McHugh), Living on Earth story about induction stove distribution including NP members who helped, letter to the editor in the Boston Globe on a story about expanding the gas system.
- j) reached out to congregations in Andover/N.Andover, found out six who were impacted, and connected them with Steve Bryant for attention
- k) worked with volunteer energy efficiency expert to gather information, educate ourselves, and then support a workshop at Law. Sr. Center to educate people about their best options out of all the crappy and not-so-crappy options that CG was offering.
- l) Put word out to folks who might have contacts with local energy efficiency related companies about the 10 million for Valley businesses, in hopes that some of those businesses (solar, battery) will try to get in on the action and make proposals to town and municipal offices overseeing distribution of the funds.

5. NP members attended climate retreat hosted by South church. Some of us led discussion on solar power, the impact of eating meat on the climate and legislative action on climate change.
  6. Dianne Plantamura arranged for Dr. Barry Levy to speak on Climate Change (CC) and Public Health in October
  7. Vegetarian Potluck survey
- II. Announcements and planned events
1. Vegetarian Potluck in the Parish Hall Sunday, Jan. 13 at 5:30 pm
    - a) Discussion topic - TBD
    - b) Setup/cleanup help
  2. Tina Klein has offered to host the February potluck any evening in the last 2 weeks of the month except the 19th and 28<sup>th</sup>. Please check your availability.
  3. Showing of the movie **Burned** Sunday, Jan. 25 at 6 pm (tentative)
  4. We have a NP member who has applied for position on North Andover Board of Health. The BOH was approached twice (See Accomplishment 2) issue. We need an advocate for climate with respect to public health on the Board.

### III. **Green Sanctuary Update**

Gary reported that the report for reaccreditation is just about ready. It documents the numerous actions/events we have done.

### IV. Events in Planning Stage

#### 1. **Climate Series with Andover Library**

NPCJ will partner with the Andover Library on an event and possibly a series of events on climate change. The first event will be in early March. The NP Racial Justice team has partnered with them on justice issues. Deb Olander's experience is that the library events might reach more than twice as many people as an event at the church would.

#### 2. **Legislative Training**

Connie G. suggested we start the education process of our representatives early. We will try to schedule a training with the Sierra Club in January so that we are ready to contact our new representatives as soon as they start their new jobs.

### V. **Other projects, events or discussion**

1. Help us get info on Solarize Lowell and apply it to Lawrence  
New member, Jim Molloy, has a contact at 350 Lowell and will get some preliminary information from him. New members and Lawrence

residents, Carolyn Bonier and Lucia Miringu, as well as Fran Rohr will help with this project! Thank you!

**2. Work on getting heat pumps to MV households in the spring**

We could use some help on looking into how we could push this, how to get Columbia Gas to pay for some of the houses that will have new equipment installed in the spring and if there is any federal or state money that could be applied. There is also about \$6M of the \$10M recently donated by Columbia Gas available to local small businesses, possibly a solar or efficiency company. Could that help in this situation?

3. Dave Lewis, [David\\_Lewis@uml.edu](mailto:David_Lewis@uml.edu), is working on a project in Oaxaca Mexico in late March to help rebuild a school with Hands and Hearts. Volunteers welcome.
4. Lynn Langton mentioned a Living on Earth program on choosing gifts that are sustainable. She suggested we circulate the list in the congregation. Please add to the list, which is attached to this email.
5. New member, Rob Bonney, told us about a project, High School Climate Café, where local high school students in the Environmental Club come to church at coffee hour and educate parishioners about climate change issues. He will get contact information.
6. Deb Olander reported there is a vacancy on the Green Andover committee. Any Andover CJ people interested in applying?
7. Climate Justice and Racial Justice Group will host a North Parish community read in April. We will look into selling the book, the UUA 2018 Common Read, Justice on Earth, at coffee hour.
8. As a result of the interest in a list of ethical clothing manufacturers after watching the video on ethical, sustainable clothing, I found the following websites :

Good article on the problem:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/24/climate/eco-friendly-organic-clothing.html>

The UUSC's shopping network: <https://www.thegoodbuy.com>

<https://www.mindbodygreen.com/articles/eco-friendly-fabric-ranking>

<https://www.thegoodtrade.com/features/eco-friendly-clothing-brands>

Chapter 6 has a list of brands that have won awards, although I don't know anything about the company that awarded them, Fibertech:

<https://fibertechinc.net/sustainable-clothing/>

9. Please join the North Parish Climate Justice Facebook page

Minutes submitted by Karen Martin, 12/10/18