

Energy is on everyone's mind these days. Gas prices are high. Electricity costs are soaring. We're all in favour of green energy – as long as those windmills aren't in our backyard, or that hybrid car is cost-effective.

But why do those people in Brazil insist on cutting down rainforests for fuel? Surely the developing world should bear its share of responsibility for cleaning up the planet? And what about nuclear – is it saviour or satan in environmental terms?

These questions, and many more, form the backbone of this stimulating and provocative series. Through a series of four Sunday morning theme presentations, and three Wednesday evening seminars, we'll look at The Ethics of Energy.

How we manage the world's energy supplies will shape our life for the next century. And it's not just a matter of efficiency.

It's a matter of right and wrong.



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The Ethics of Energy

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Why Should I Change the Way I Live?

Sunday, January 15 at 10:30 am



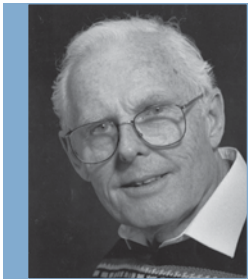
Moderator **Mardi Tindal** is the spiritual leader of the United Church. She has an MA from the University of Toronto's Institute for Studies in Education and a history of service as a lay leader.

In a recent Toronto Star article, Stephen Scharper wrote, "Tindal ... has been a compelling religious voice around climate change, noting that we are 'ethically obliged' to take responsibility

for our human-created climate crisis. For her, ecological issues are ... also 'fundamentally moral, ethical and theological concerns.'"

The Church and the Ethics of Exploitation

Sunday, January 22 at 10:30 am



Walter Pitman has a long association with LPCC. In the 1980s, his interest in energy consumption led him to initiate an energy audit program here at the church. He has been active in academia as a secondary school teacher and post-secondary administrator at Trent University, Ryerson University and OISE. Politically, he has served as both an MP and MPP for Peterborough, and Deputy

Leader of the NDP. He is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees and fellowships, and is an officer of the Order of Canada.



Sea Sick, and Other Environmental Costs of our Energy Consumption

Sunday, January 29 at 10:30 am



Alanna Mitchell is a journalist and author who writes about science. She specializes in planetary science. Her latest book, *Sea Sick: The Global Ocean in Crisis*, is an international best-seller and became the first Canadian book to win the prestigious Grantham Prize for environmental reporting. Alanna is known for her ability to translate complex science into understandable

prose. She's given public talks on her work all over Canada, as well as the U.S., the U.K., Australia, South America and even Antarctica.

Green Energy: At What Cost?

Sunday, February 5 at 10:30 am



Most recently a candidate for Toronto Mayor, **George Smitherman** previously served as Ontario's Deputy Premier. Elected 3 times as the Member of Provincial Parliament for Toronto Centre, George was one of Ontario's longest serving Ministers of Health and Long-Term Care, holding the portfolio from 2003-2008.

In 2008, George was appointed Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, where he shepherded the passage of Ontario's Green Energy and Green Economy Act.

Before his election in 1999, George owned and operated a small business in downtown Toronto. George is the Chairman and Principal of G&G Global Solutions.

Building a Greener Home

January 18, 7:30 pm in the Bradford Room

Most people in our part of the city live in large homes, with many appliances, air conditioning, and other energy-gobbling conveniences. But can a modern home – even a larger home – be energy efficient? Are there cost-effective ways to factor "green" into planning that new home or renovation? **John Godden** has over 25 years of experience as a home and heating system designer and hands-on builder. A graduate of the Bachelor of Environmental Studies at the University of Waterloo, John is a leading rater and consultant for the R-2000, ENERGY STAR, EnerGuide and LEED for Homes programs. John regularly delivers seminars on air-tightness, better building practices, and green marketing.

Getting the "Hot" Down There, Up Here

January 25, 7:30 pm in the Bradford Room

Lawrence Park Community Church is one of very few geothermally-heated churches in Toronto. The same energy-efficient geothermal technology that heats and cools our building is available, and ever more cost-effective and viable, for domestic and cottage properties as well. **Ted Mills** is the President of Groundswell Geothermal, the contractor who installed the ground loop here at LPCC, and a leading installer of geothermal systems throughout cottage country. Ted will introduce not just the theory of geothermal heating and cooling, but also discuss the practical aspects of getting the energy of the earth into our homes and cottages.

What's Your Footprint?

February 1, 7:30 pm in the Bradford Room

The idea of an "environmental footprint" is that we can each measure, and therefore begin to reduce, the impact of our energy-consuming lifestyles on the health of the planet. Join us for a hands-on workshop, as members of LPCC's **Social Justice Team** walk us through the exercise of measuring how heavily we tread upon the planet. We'll also look at some concrete steps we can all take to reduce the weight of our footsteps on the fragile health of the earth.

Our Sunday worship services are open to everyone. Programming is provided for children and youth, from infants to high school. Free parking is available.