Living the 5th Mark of Mission - Energy Efficiency Opportunities Homes, Churches, Institutional Buildings and Businesses

To: Incumbents, Lay Leaders, Congregations, Individuals

Climate Change has been proclaimed by our Primate, and by other church and civic Leaders, as the most significant crisis facing the world today. General Synod has passed Resolutions on how we should manage everything from our investments to our churches, homes, and travel. In "*Climate Church Climate World*", author Jim Antal urges us all not to be put off by the size and the complexity of the crises but to do what we can within our sphere of influence to tackle it **now**. Make energy efficiency a major part of our Mission. Remember, the cleanest and cheapest energy is the energy that you don't have to use!

NB Power **Save Energy** is the agency in NB that attempts to organize federal and provincial sources of funding available to encourage reductions in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. See <u>Save Energy (nbpower.com</u>) for a broad overview of incentives available for energy efficiency in buildings.

For Homes, see <u>Total Home Energy Savings Program</u> | <u>New Brunswick Energy Efficiency Programs</u> (saveenergynb.ca) for advice and incentives for addressing your existing home or Rectory. See the new <u>Enhanced Energy Savings Program</u> | <u>New Brunswick Energy Efficiency</u> <u>Programs (saveenergynb.ca)</u> for lower income households in your Parish. Or, see <u>New Home</u> <u>Energy Savings Program</u> | <u>New Brunswick Energy Efficiency Programs (saveenergynb.ca)</u> for anyone building a new home or Rectory.

For Churches, Institutional Buildings or for Businesses, see <u>Commercial Buildings</u> <u>Retrofit Program | New Brunswick Energy Efficiency Programs (saveenergynb.ca)</u> if your building is due for insulation, windows, doors, air sealing or other building envelope upgrades. This program requires that an energy audit be completed, but it rebates most of the audit fees if you follow through and implement even one of the recommendations in your Audit Report. In addition, you will receive incentives to carry out those recommendations based on your energy savings or at 25% of the cost of the implementation if you are reducing or eliminating fossil fuel use. If your building envelope is in good shape, see <u>Business Rebate Program | New Brunswick Energy Efficiency</u> <u>Programs (saveenergynb.ca)</u> to receive 25% of the cost of installing new high efficiency equipment such as furnaces, boilers, heat pumps, hot water heaters, commercial kitchen equipment, LED lighting and much more.

For your Community, see <u>For Community | New Brunswick Energy Efficiency Programs</u> (<u>saveenergynb.ca</u>) and consider circulating these kits and forming a committee to assist those in your Parish that may benefit for their full utilization.

For further information, contact <u>Contact Us | New Brunswick Energy Efficiency Programs</u> (saveenergynb.ca) whether you are an NB Power, Saint John Energy, Perth-Andover Energy or Edmundston Energy customer, or if you use oil, propane or natural gas, and/or contact <u>property@anglican.nb.ca</u>