

# WEST ENERGY NEWS March 2010

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## Holland Energy 2050: by Holland Christian High Students



Science teacher and tech coordinator Jim Peterson challenged his students to envision Holland's energy future. Now you can add their ideas to those collected by Holland's Sustainability Committee meetings. Come hear what young folks, who will BE here in 2050, would like to see!

TUESDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> 7 P.M.

Holland Christian High School auditorium  
950 Ottawa Ave., Holland

Co-sponsored by WEST as their monthly educational event

Come! Bring a friend! This event connects spirituality with our energy future!

### PRAYER SERVICE

Sustainable Energy and Our Community

Sunday, March 21

5:00 pm

Third Reformed Church  
13th Street and Pine Ave

Sponsoring congregations: Holland United Methodist; First Presbyterian; Hope Church; Grace Episcopal; Third Reformed Church

## Solar Patriot Now in Holland

Want to lower your air conditioning costs this summer? "Solar attic fans can lower your attic temps by 20 to 40 degrees," says solar expert Richard Orawiec. "Let the sun cool your home --and get a 30% federal tax credit." Then, he suggests, why turn on a kitchen stove, producing heat that you need to cool, if you can use a solar cooker? Check out the high-performance solar thermal energy collectors at the new Solar Century Showroom, 486 Century Lane in Holland. Owner Orawiec offers cut-level prices for buyers who can group order. Open on Saturdays. Information at 269-236-6179.

"How about 1,000 Solar-Cool Roofs in Holland?" asks solar tech advocate Richard Orawiec, here at a Holland Home Show on Feb. 27, Doubletree Inn.





St. Pat's Parade on Sat. March 13<sup>th</sup> starts at noon. Maybe that pot of gold is the promise of sustainable energy!

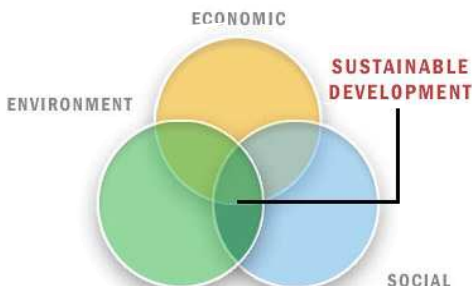
### WEST Says YES to

ideas for energy efficiency, conservation, sustainability, and significant lowering of energy production, making a difference locally with seven future generations in mind.

WEST holds public meetings with speakers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7-8:30 pm.

Planning meetings  
Are held at Herrick Library  
4:30 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.  
All welcome!!!

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## YES! WEST is on



You can see/read our Facebook page by visiting <http://www.facebook.com/WESTmichiganenergy.org>

If you have a Facebook profile (easy to do at the [facebook.com](http://facebook.com) site), you can comment, and interact fully with the site.

- 1) "Becoming a fan" of our page will allow WEST to send you "fan updates" reminding you of meetings and events.
- 2) Write on the "wall" about anything and everything that you want to share with other WEST people, and the entire global community of Facebook users.
- 3) Start or add to a discussion.
- 4) Check out scheduled events.
- 5) Learn about other users with interest in green energy.
- 6) So many more green contacts there, and ways to interact with them.
- 7) Give us ideas about how to improve the site.

This page was created by Sylvia Avsharian, and Ken Freestone.

### What are Religions Saying about Climate Change and Energy?

WEST co-chair Sara Leeland has compiled a list of what Christian and Jewish leaders are saying to their faith groups about responses needed to avert serious climate-change. Find the list on WEST's website: [www.westmichiganenergy.org](http://www.westmichiganenergy.org).

### Last Sustainability Meetings in March

If you've not yet added your view on how you envision Holland's energy and water situation in 2050, get to the one on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. It's for environmentalists and green entrepreneurs, and readers of this newsletter fit in that box. Head in the door of City Flats Hotel, which has great parking space. Ask the clerk for directions! Located at corner of College and 7<sup>th</sup> St. in Holland.