

# Changing energy habits could help change world

Barbara Ditommaso's excellent commentary taught that we know enough about climate change, and its human causes, that "the wise and reasonable path" is to reduce contributing human causes as much as possible ("Let's reduce activities that contribute to climate change," Aug. 21).

Ditommaso's essay focused on willingness to accept limits for the sake of stabilizing our climate. Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, a climate scientist, made a similar argument at Citizens' Climate Lobby's 2015 conference. Hayhoe is dedicated to educating evangelical communities about climate change. She said that Christians learn about sacrifice and limits from Jesus. She tells audiences that, unlike Jesus, our generation isn't being asked to sacrifice our lives. We just have to change our energy sources.

Hayhoe emphasized that the main way to connect with all types of people over climate change is by inspiring with solutions: bike paths and roadways made from solar panels or cities like Denver and Kansas City recently installing electric vehicle-charging stations. Some cities now collect food waste curbside for farm compost so food won't go to landfills where it would produce greenhouse gases. In Britain, offshore wind turbines, installed over just a few years, produce "enough electricity for nearly all the combined domestic needs of its three biggest cities, London, Manchester, and Birmingham," according to an August article in the Boston Globe.

Readers could replace old light bulbs with LEDs and watch as electricity bills decline. They could compost kitchen waste and enjoy not having smelly trash. One small step feels good, leads to another step and to a giant leap for mankind.

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