

Vermont Interfaith Power and Light

The Katy Gerke Memorial Program

The Katy Gerke Memorial Program has been established to honor the memory of Dr. Katy Gerke and to help Christian churches in Vermont and in twelve New Hampshire towns in the Upper Connecticut River Valley to improve the energy efficiency of their church buildings. Funds from this program can be used by churches to obtain professional energy audits of their buildings and to undertake projects, e.g. building or equipment improvements that will reduce the energy use of their church buildings. All grants for energy audits or efficiency improvement projects will require that churches provide matching funds for each grant request.

Energy Audit Grant Application

This application is to be used by a Christian faith community in Vermont, or in any of twelve New Hampshire towns in the Upper Connecticut River Valley¹, to apply for a grant to obtain a comprehensive and quantitative energy audit of their church building. See reverse side of application for energy audit requirements.

Faith communities applying for an energy audit grant must own the building to be audited or get the owner's permission. They will also need to provide a minimum of 50% of the energy audit cost.

To apply for an energy audit grant, complete this form and submit it, with a copy of the audit proposal or bid, to Vermont Interfaith Power and Light (VTIPL). Forms for this program are available on the website, www.vtipl.org. Questions? Contact VTIPL Coordinator, Betsy Hardy (see contact information below).

(Please print neatly)

Name of Church _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Church Phone _____

Email _____ Website _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Describe the building or the building system (mechanical/electrical) to be audited:

Describe the reasons for requesting an energy audit, and identify the actions the congregation has taken, to date, to reduce energy use in the building. Use additional pages, if necessary:

Total Cost for Energy Audit: _____ Amount of Grant Requested: _____

Company or Individual Selected to Perform the Audit: _____

Company/Auditor Contact Information: _____

Energy Auditor Qualifications/Experience _____

Attach a copy of the audit proposal or bid for the energy audit that describes what the audit report will provide.

Requirements for Energy Audit: To qualify for an energy audit grant, an energy audit must include the following:

- Energy Auditor must be a professional with demonstrated qualifications and experience.
- A quantitative assessment of identified energy efficiency improvements to include:
 - Estimated costs to make individual energy efficiency improvements based on local labor and material costs.
 - Estimated energy savings of individual energy efficiency improvements based on the building's actual energy use and accepted engineering calculations.

Grant recipients must provide a copy of the completed energy audit report to VT IPL.

Optional: It is suggested that, when possible, energy audits should also include blower door measurements of building air leakage and infrared thermal scans of building components to identify areas of heat loss.

Additional Resources:

Vermont Gas: If your church is a customer of Vermont Gas or is close to a Vermont Gas pipeline you may be eligible for a free walk-thru energy audit and financial incentives for efficiency improvements. For more information call 802-863-4511 or go to www.vermontgas.com.

Building Performance: This is a service offered by Efficiency Vermont (888-921-5990 or www.encyvermont.com). Professional energy auditors and contractors can be identified on the Efficiency Vermont website.

¹ New Hampshire towns: Bath, Charleston, Claremont, Cornish, Hanover, Haverhill, Lebanon, Lyme, New London, Oxford, Piermont and Plainfield