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A faith-based response to global warming

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#### **Registration for VT IPL's 2018 Conference Begins in Mid-August**

Don't miss VT Interfaith Power & Light's 2018 conference, *A Just Economy to Achieve Climate Goals!* It will be on Saturday, Oct. 13 at Faith United Methodist Church in South Burlington. From the Keynote Address by George Lakey, to the six workshops, music by a quartet from Counterpoint, wonderful sponsors with exhibits and information, and a delicious catered lunch, it's going to be great! Look for registration to open at the [website](#) in mid-August.

## **Gubernatorial Forums**

Vermont's Primary election is coming up on August 14th. A number of candidates' forums are being held around the state including the following:

-Two free forums sponsored by Rights and Democracy:

On Saturday, Aug. 4, 3 - 5 pm, in Barre at Church of the Good Shepherd (39 Washington St.). Register [here](#). and

On Sunday, Aug. 5, 3 - 5 pm, in St. Albans at City Hall Auditorium (100 North Main St.). Register [here](#).

-A free forum sponsored by the Vermont Chapter of Sierra Club:

On Tuesday, Aug. 7, 6:30 - 9 pm, in Barre at the Old Labor Hall (46 Granite St.). Candidates will share their views on water quality, climate change, and more. Former Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources, Deb Markowitz, will be the moderator. Refreshments will be served; forum begins at 7 pm.

## **New *Button Up Vermont* Opportunities -- Learn More on August 8**

Join Efficiency Vermont for a phone call at noon on Aug. 8 to hear about new opportunities in the *Button Up Vermont* campaign. It will include a 30 min. presentation, then 30 min. for Q&A. First, fill out the 30-second form on this [webpage](#). You can call in at noon on Aug. 8 at (713) 353-0212 or toll-free at (888) 822-7517. The access code is 8502438. If you're planning on calling in, [email](#) Paul Markowitz or call him at 802-540-7608 to let him know.

## ***Celebrating Sacred Waters* - Shelburne Bay Park, September 8**

Come join us on September 8 from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm to paddle and/or row in and around Shelburne Bay, or go on a trail walk. Choose from morning and afternoon opportunities to row a longboat, paddle a canoe up river, or explore a nature trail. Educational and sacred activities will be guided by faith leaders, field naturalists, educators, artists, and other talented souls. All boats are provided; *please do not bring any boats*. Space is limited - sign up soon! Register and get more details and tickets [here](#). For more information, contact [Barry Lampke](#).

## **Help SEVCA with *Community Solar for Community Action* Project**

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) is building a 100% low-income community solar array to deliver solar energy assistance to Vermonters. They received a \$111,000 matching grant from the Windham Regional Commission. To access the full amount of the grant, they have to

raise the matching funds. The project will demonstrate a new, nationally replicable model of energy assistance, helping low-income households meet their energy needs while supporting development of renewable energy resources. The solar array SEVCA is building at their Westminster office will generate about \$23,000 worth of electricity per year for 25 years. Several dozen low-income households in the area will benefit through credits on their electricity bills. To help with this project, you can donate [here](#).

### **Pope Francis Urges Governments to Fulfill Climate Commitments**

Pope Francis warned governments against turning Earth into a vast pile of "rubble, deserts and refuse." Read the [article](#).

### **Vermont Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Update**

This update on Vermont's greenhouse gas emissions was released in June and covers the period from 1990 - 2015. Unfortunately, it's not good news. Here's the [report](#).

### **U.S. Supreme Court Allows Youth Plaintiffs' Case to Proceed**

*Juliana V. United States* is the constitutional climate lawsuit filed against the government by 21 youth plaintiffs. The Trump administration sought to block it, but the Court denied the administration's application for stay, so the trial will move forward in U.S. District Court on October 29, 2018. Here are [details](#).

### **76 Environmental Rules On The Way Out Under Trump**

This NY Times [article](#) has the list.

### **IEEFA Analysis Details Growing Rationale for Divestment**

The Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis released a paper on July 20th that [details](#) the rationale for divesting from fossil fuels.

### **Ireland: Set to be the First Country to Fully Divest from Fossil Fuels**

[Read](#) all about it!

### **U.N. Pact Offers Hope to Climate Migrants Worldwide**

Communities worldwide at risk of displacement due to climate have won vital protection. Recognizing their plight, the U.N. will draw up a migration [pact](#).

**Reminder: September 8 - Mobilization for Climate Action**

[Sign up](#) to be part of the huge day of climate action on September 8, 2018!

VTIPL helps people of faith and spirit better understand the climate crisis and take action to care for Earth.

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