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Workshops at VT IPL's Annual Conference

The Reverend Dr. Jim Antal and Middlebury College Professor Molly Anderson will be the Keynote Speakers at VT IPL's Annual Conference on Saturday, Oct. 26 at Middlebury Congregational Church. One of the conference workshops, about food systems and local agriculture, will be led by Professor Anderson. Another workshop will be led by Ruah Swennerfelt, who led a workshop on the Transition Movement at our 2017 conference. This time it will be about inner transition - the "heart change" people experience that leads to a commitment to work for a sustainable world. Details of the other workshops are being planned. More information will be in upcoming newsletters. Plan to come!

Vermont Green Building Network's Spring Networking Event

This VGBN event will be on Wednesday, June 5 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the offices of VT Energy Investment Corporation, 128 Lakeside Ave., Burlington. It will give updates on programs and policies aimed at reducing dependence on fossil fuels, while supporting stronger, healthier communities. The event will begin with a reception that includes appetizers, ice cream, and a cash bar. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Electric Vehicles: Four Upcoming Events

Four electric vehicle events in central and northern Vermont will be happening in June. They'll provide much information about electric cars and bikes, as well as opportunities to see the vehicles and get questions answered. Incentives make this a great time for leasing or purchasing an electric vehicle. Plan to attend one of the following events!

- **LEAP Electric Vehicle Fest**, Tues., June 4, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Crossett Brook Middle School cafeteria in Duxbury. This free event will include free pizza and ice cream, 15+ different electric vehicles, and a chance to ride in some of the vehicles. For more info, contact Duncan at 802-477-2968 or [email](#).

- **Sun CARnival**, Sat., June 8, 1:00 - 5:00 pm, Veteran's Memorial Park at 600 Swift St., South Burlington. The event will include at least 13 EV car models and electric bikes. Also, Red Hot Juba will be playing, plus food trucks, B&J ice cream, a solar-powered bounce house, yard games and more! It's co-sponsored by SunCommon and VPIRG and there's more info at this [SunCommon](#) website.

- **Peacham Farmers Market Electric Car Expo**, Thurs., Jun. 13, 4:00 - 7:00 pm at Peacham Village Green, 555 Bayley Hazen Rd., Peacham. Many different electric vehicles will be on display, and experts will be on hand to answer questions. Also, live music will be by Tin Penny. For more info, call Jock Gill at 802-503-1258 or [email](#).

- **Richmond Electric Vehicle Expo**, Sat., June 29, 3:00 - 6:00 pm, Richmond Free Library & Town Center parking lot, 201 Bridge St., Richmond. Come and explore electric cars & bikes with the Richmond Climate Action Committee, Drive Electric Vermont, Green Mountain Power, Local Motion, and Vermont Electric Co-op. The event will include: many different electric vehicles on display - some for test rides or drives; electric bikes available for test rides; experts on hand to answer questions; an overview talk at 4 pm in the library

on electric vehicle ownership in Vermont, and free ice cream! For more info, or if you have an electric car or bike you'd like to bring, [contact](#) the organizers.

***Paris to Pittsburgh* Film Showing and Panel Discussion**

The National Geographic documentary, *Paris to Pittsburgh*, will be shown on Monday, June 24, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, at All Soul's Church in West Brattleboro. There's a potluck supper at 6 pm for all who are interested. The film will be followed by a panel discussion on the climate action that's needed in the 2020 legislative session. This event is hosted by All Soul's Social & Environmental Action Committee and co-sponsored by VT Interfaith Power & Light and VT Climate & Health Alliance. It's free and open to all. [Contact](#) VT IPL to arrange a film showing in your community.

Solarfest: July 21 in Manchester, VT

Solarfest will be at Earth Sky Time Community Farm in Manchester on Sunday, July 21. The day-long event includes: workshops; art & music; renewable energy & transportation; sustainable living & activism; food & farming; and the Keynote address by Dr. Edward Cameron. More info is [here](#).

Clean Energy Report Identifies a Maturing Clean Energy Cluster

This report was recently released by Vermont's Public Service Department. The [press release](#) has more information.

Washington Governor Jay Inslee's Climate Plan

In his *Vox* [article](#), David Roberts summarizes the second package of climate policy proposals that Jay Inslee has released - the second of five or six climate policy packages Inslee is preparing. David Roberts describes the second package as being part of Inslee's Green New Deal -- providing detailed policies to flesh out the GND resolution that was brought to Congress.

Watershed Manual Presentations

VT IPL will visit any interested congregation (at no charge) to give a presentation of our Congregational Watershed Manual - either the Christian edition or the Interreligious edition. You can view the manuals at VT IPL's website [homepage](#). The pdfs are attachments near the bottom of the page.

Please be in touch if your congregation is interested. [Contact](#) VT IPL to make arrangements.

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

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