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#### **Giving Tuesday -- Remember VT Interfaith Power & Light!**

This Tuesday, December 3, is #Giving Tuesday - a global generosity movement that we hope you'll participate in. VT IPL will be sending a #Giving Tuesday email very soon. *Please give* -- your donations are what keep VT IPL going and make our work possible!

#### **Reminder: 2019 Cool Congregations Challenge**

The deadline is December 15 for congregations to enter National Interfaith Power & Light's annual contest, Cool Congregations Challenge. The winning

congregation in each of the following five categories will receive \$1,000: Cool Congregations Planner; Energy Saver; Renewable Role Model; Sacred Grounds Steward; and Community Inspiration. Details are [here](#).

**Faith Climate Action Week is April 17 - 26, 2020 -- Save the Date!**

National Interfaith Power & Light's annual *Faith Climate Action Week*, beginning April 17 and ending April 26, includes the 50th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, 2020. You can pre-register now to [reserve a copy](#) of the 2020 Faith Climate Action Week Kit.

**Climate Solutions Caucus Forums Continue**

The Climate Solutions Caucus, a group of Vermont legislators who want to act on climate, are continuing their climate policy forums around the state. Here's the list of upcoming forums:

Bristol: Mon., Dec. 2, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Bristol Firehouse, 76 West St.

Burlington: Tues., Dec. 3, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Burl. Electric Dept., 585 Pine St.

Rutland: Sat., Dec. 7, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Rutland Free Library, Fox Room

South Burlington: Mon., Dec. 9, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Fred Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset St.

Newbury: Tues., Dec. 10, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., West Newbury Hall

More information is [here](#).

**VECAN Conference: Registration Deadline Dec. 4**

The Vermont Energy & Climate Action Network (VECAN) conference, *Meeting the Moment: Collectively Confronting the Climate Crisis*, will be at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, Sat., Dec. 7, 9 am - 4:30 pm. It features 14 workshops, a dynamic keynote address, as well as excellent networking opportunities. Get the [details](#) and register *NOW!*

**Responding to the Climate Crisis with 2020 Vision -- Jan. 11 in Norwich**

This event, sponsored by four Upper Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregations in Strafford, Norwich, Woodstock, and Hartland, will be on

Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 from 1:00 - 4:30 pm at the UU Congregation of the Upper Valley (320 Route 5 South, Norwich). It will feature a Keynote Address by The Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, and also includes an hour-long workshop session (3 workshops offered) and more! All are welcome. Contact Sarah Reeves for more [information](#).

### **New Website - *Vermont Energy Saver* - from the Dept. of Public Service**

This website, just released in November, is an online resource where Vermonters can learn to improve their buildings by heating and cooling more efficiently. It can help them stay comfortable and healthy while reducing energy use. Find out more [here](#).

### **Jerusalem Post Article by Rabbi Michael Cohen**

Rabbi Michael Cohen is a Bennington College Professor and Rabbi Emeritus of Israel Congregation of Manchester, VT. His [article](#) in the Jerusalem Post, *Genesis: The Story of Creation, A Message of Diversity*, was printed in October.

### **World Scientists' Warning of a Climate Emergency**

The authors of this *BioScience* [article](#) declare, with over 11,000 scientist signatories worldwide, that "planet Earth is facing a climate emergency."

### **Climate Change Will Bring More Bad Health News in 2020**

See this [TipSheet](#) from The Society of Environmental Journalists for information on health problems that will become more frequent and dramatic in 2020 and future years as climate change progresses.

### **Climate Change 'Converts' Reveal What Changed Their Minds**

Jerry Taylor was a climate skeptic working as director of energy and environmental policy at the Cato Institute, and worked "the entire orbit of right-wing media" making the case that climate change wasn't really a problem. Then his reality started to change. Read more [here](#).

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

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