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VT Interfaith Power & Light's new Coordinator will begin work soon.

Information about the new Coordinator, and the new mailing address and phone number will be posted on VTIPL's website in coming weeks. VTIPL's [website](#) and [email address](#) will not change. And it's likely you'll still see VTIPL's Coordinator for the past 14 years, Betsy Hardy, from time to time at climate rallies and events!

Faith Climate Action Day at the State House, Montpelier, Thurs., Feb. 20

Join us for this VT IPL-sponsored day of action in Montpelier on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020 to make your voice heard at the State House and advocate for climate action! The day will begin at 9:30 am with information from advocates on climate bills we want the legislature to pass, and training on talking with legislators (location for this session tba). At 11:00 am, a press conference will be held in the Cedar Creek Room of the State House, followed by visits with legislators, and the event will end at around 1:30 pm. Your presence can make a difference! Details will be added to the [VT IPL website](#) as the date gets closer.

Webinar on Climate Policies for the 2020 Legislative Session

This one-hour webinar on Mon., Jan. 6 at 7 pm is sponsored by Vermont Conservation Voters, Vermont Natural Resources Council, and Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG). Learn more about important climate policy priorities for the Vermont Legislature this year including the Global Warming Solutions Act, 100% Renewable Energy Standard, Energy Efficiency Modernization, and the Transportation & Climate Initiative. Find out how you can help get important climate legislation passed. Click [here](#) to register. Even if you can't attend, register to receive a recording of the webinar. Questions? Contact [Ian Hitchcock](#).

People's State of the State Address & PAN-Demonium: Jan. 9, 12 - 3 pm

Join Extinction Rebellion and a coalition of climate justice partners at the rally outside the State House at noon on Jan. 9 to demand that elected officials acknowledge the climate crisis and enact emergency measures to eliminate carbon emissions. Details are on [Facebook](#).

Responding to the Climate Crisis with 2020 Vision: Sat., Jan. 11, Norwich

This free event, sponsored by four Upper Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregations in Hartland, Norwich, Strafford, and Woodstock will be on Sat., Jan. 11, 2020 from 12:30 - 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. Questions? Contact [Sarah Reeves](#). More details are on [Facebook](#).

National Interfaith Power & Light's Faith Climate Action Week: Apr. 17 - 26

Save the Date: April 17 - 26, 2020 for National Interfaith Power & Light's *Faith Climate Action Week*. This year it 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.

Ask Governor Scott to Support the Transportation & Climate Initiative!

The Transportation & Climate Initiative (TCI) is a regional program to establish a regional cap on global warming pollution from transportation fuels. These fuels are the largest source of climate pollution in Vermont and in other states. TCI would help states invest in cleaner transportation options like public transit and electric vehicles. In mid-December, Vermont joined other New England and mid-Atlantic States, and Washington, D.C., in issuing a draft TCI Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). In coming months, Governor Scott will decide whether or not Vermont will join TCI. Send an [email](#) to Governor Scott and tell him why a cleaner transportation future for Vermont is important to you! TCI talking points can be found [here](#).

LEAP Energy Fair, Sat., Apr. 18 -- Save the Date!

The annual Energy Fair hosted by Waterbury LEAP (Local Energy Action Partnership) will be on Sat., Apr. 18 from 9 am - 3 pm at Crossett Brook Middle School. This is Vermont's largest energy fair. It's a free, family-friendly event with 75 energy-related exhibits, break-out sessions on topics of special interest, activities for children, free ice cream, and food & drink from local vendors. The [website](#) has more information. Questions? Here's the [contact](#).

The Top Five Climate Events of 2019

From National Interfaith Power & Light's blog, here are 2019's [top five](#) climate events.

Phil Scott and the Democratic Push to Take Sweeping Climate Action

Read about Governor Scott's position on strong climate action in this [article](#) in VT Digger.

"This We Believe" -- Delaware Interfaith Power & Light Video

Watch this five-minute [video](#) that our colleagues at Delaware IPL recently released.

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

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