



Vermont Interfaith Power & Light
A faith-based response to global warming



Green Mountains, Blue Water

Please Continue Supporting Our Work!

Reaffirm your commitment to Caring for Creation.

Make your voice heard with a faith-based response to the Climate Crisis.

Connect with others who are dedicated to being part of climate solutions.

Happy Winter Solstice!

In the past year, people of faith and conscience have come together with Vermont Interfaith Power & Light to make strides against Climate Change.

As a community, we've been engaged with learning together through VT IPL webinars and other events, such as:

Calls for Action on Climate and Justice!

We kept you apprised of the **COP26** international climate gathering with updates from Glasgow. You've responded to our calls for action to reach out to elected officials on the **Build Back Better Act**, and to provide feedback to the **Vermont Climate Council** regarding its new Climate Action Plan.

You subscribed to the **Bristol Community Solar Project**, of which VT IPL is a key partner. Thanks to a related tithing program, the African-American-owned **Clemmons Family Farm** will also benefit from the solar project.

VT IPL accomplishes all of this on a very tight budget thanks to the work of our volunteer board and our part-time coordinator.

Your donation is vital to our continued programming, education, and advocacy to affect change at this critical time for Earth and humanity.

Double your impact with a tax-deductible online donation today.

Thanks to other generous VT IPL supporters, the first \$2,000 in gifts received by January 1, 2022, will be matched dollar for dollar.

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As we enter 2022, we will continue our stalwart advocacy in the face of this week's major setback with the **Build Back Better Act**. We have faith that our work to protect Creation makes a difference. We demand that our political leaders do the same.

The Build Back Better reconciliation bill is our best chance to secure investments in clean energy, climate justice, and clean vehicles to avoid the most catastrophic climate change. The long-negotiated bill has passed the House and has the support of 49 Senate Democrats. But Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) now states he cannot find common ground with President Biden and fellow Democrats on the \$1.7 trillion social and climate plan.

This deeply disappointing announcement came as a surprise. Our IPL network is now working with other networks and organizations to re-engage the Senator in discussions to find a solution to advance the bill. **The historic climate care provisions in the Build Back Better Act are an urgent moral imperative.** Senate Democrats have vowed to return to this bill in January.

Regardless of the outcome, VT IPL will continue to inspire behavior change and actions to help mediate the climate crisis, and ensure that those least able to respond to climate impacts are treated justly. **Our work is now more important than ever.**

In 2022, VT IPL's virtual programs will continue. In April, if pandemic conditions permit, we will invite you to an in-person conference titled, **Limits to Growth**, exploring pathways to an ecologically and economically sustainable future. Watch for updates on conference plans.

VT IPL's **Katy Gerke Memorial Program** continues supporting houses of worship in making infrastructure changes to increase energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Five congregations received grants in 2021.

Finally, our **monthly e-newsletter, Earth Care News**, keeps you updated on state, national, and international happenings related to the climate crisis from faith and justice-based perspectives. Please share it with friends!

Please donate today to double the value of your contribution, enabling VTIPL to continue Caring for Creation.

At this time of reflection and gathering, we wish you a healthy, peaceful, and restorative holiday. We look forward to being together in 2022.

From all of us at VTIPL, thank you profoundly for your generosity.

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