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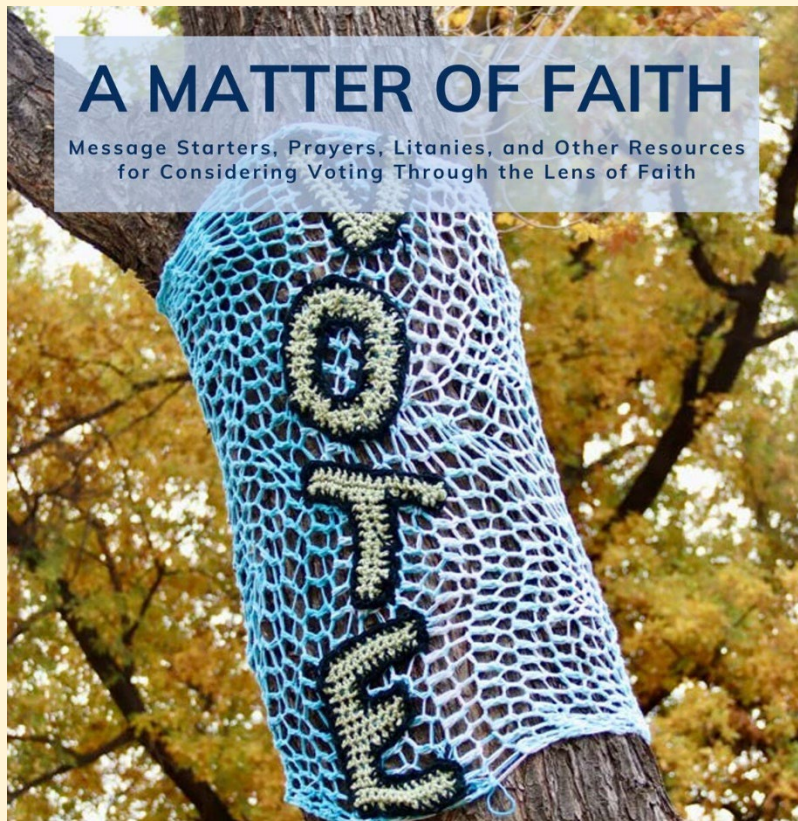


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A Letter to Our Readers

As we come within days of the election, it feels as though much that is precious hangs in the balance. As a faith-based, non-partisan organization, **we stand for the values of a healthy planet and a sustainable future**, rather than specific candidates. We are spiritual leaders, environmental activists, and community members **guided by the moral imperative to act on behalf of our sacred Earth and Creation**, especially in this time of environmental degradation and worsening climate crisis. **We hope you'll remember in the coming week that your vote matters, from your neighborhood to the White House!**

You can [visit our website](#) to make a plan to vote or to share election and voting resources and materials.

We invite you to join us this election season in our work of being in service to a healthy, habitable, and sustainable future—for Vermont and for the Earth.

Vermont Voter Registration & Resources

Visit the Vermont Secretary of State's website for information on voter registration, voter resources, accessible voting, and early / absentee voting.

<https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/>

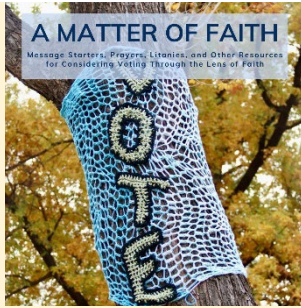


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Voting Resources for Faith Communities from National IPL

"Help the people in your congregation and your life get ready to vote – and be informed about their entire ballot. They can get the trustworthy, nonpartisan information they need from IPL and BallotReady, who have partnered to provide everything on your ballot – in one place!" -- National IPL

Check out more resources and materials on IPL's [Faith Votes Campaign](#) website.



IPL's "Voting: A Matter of Faith"

Message Starters, Prayers, Litanies, and Other Resources for Considering Voting Through the Lens of Faith

"Whether you use it at a kitchen table, in a faith community, at a community forum, or at an event with political candidates, we hope it helps you reflect on what your faith tells you about civic engagement and navigate the urgent, faith-centered responses that this election season inspires in your community."

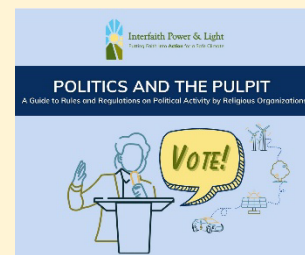
You can download the PDF [here](#).

IPL's "Politics and the Pulpit"

A Guide to Rules and Regulations on Political Activity by Religious Organizations

"As we prepare for another important election season, we want to ensure that faith communities across the country have the information they need to conduct election-related activities within the bounds of federal rules and regulations."

You can download the PDF [here](#).



"Vote Faithfully" Election Engagement Toolkit

from the Episcopal Church



From the toolkit: "Participating in our country's political life isn't just about casting our own vote – it requires working together so we can all vote and vote faithfully. There are many ways to get

involved – from participating ourselves to supporting others in our congregations and communities...We can all play a role in getting "souls to the polls!"

Check out more offerings [on their website](#).



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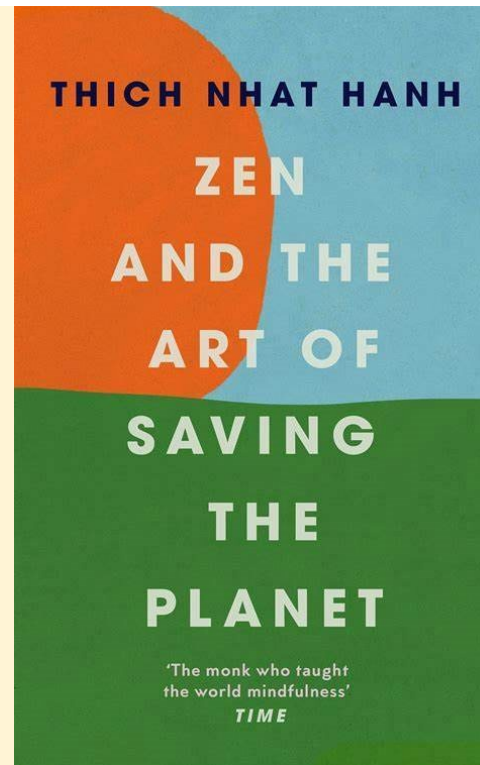
VTIPL Book Club!

Join VTIPL Coordinator and author, Chelsea Steinauer-Scudder, for our next **virtual book club!**

Our upcoming book for January 2025 is Thich Nhat Hahn's *Zen & The Art of Saving the Planet*.

Every quarter, we'll read and discuss a book about faith and ecology, exploring together the sacred work of caring for creation from different perspectives.

Please email chelsea@vtipl.org to sign up or for more information!



Button Up Weatherization & Home Heating Workshop

On Friday, Nov. 15 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM Waterbury LEAP (Local Energy Action Partnership) will be hosting a **free Button Up Weatherization & Home Heating Workshop** at the Steele Community Room in the Waterbury Municipal Center (28 North Main Street), next to the public library. No RSVP is required.

During the free event you will learn from an Efficiency Vermont expert about:

- The most common ways homes lose energy
- DIY steps you can take to tighten up your house
- Energy audits and how they work
- Heat pumps and other energy-efficient heating systems
- Tips for flood recovery and rebates for those affected by recent flooding
- Many loans and incentives that are currently available

LEAP will provide free pizza, drinks, and energy-efficiency raffle prizes including five \$20 gift certificates to Aubuchon Hardware. For more information email Duncan at duncan@clifonline.org

Join VT IPL's Board of Directors!

Join a dedicated team of creative thinkers, spiritual leaders, and climate advocates in caring for the Earth.

Vermont Interfaith Power & Light (VTIPL) offers a faith-based response to global climate change. With the support of more than 75 faith communities across the state, we seek to build a more sustainable future for Vermont and for the Earth as a whole.

We're excited to announce several openings on our Board of Directors! If you have a passion for affecting climate change, and a religious or spiritual connection to Earth stewardship, we'd love to speak with you.

Our board consists of active and dedicated community members who work to empower environmental advocacy, educate faith communities about caring for creation, and take action to ensure the health and well-being of our human and natural communities.

If you would like to learn more, please email Board President Ron McGarvey at rmcgar864@aol.com.



Apply to our Climate Action Grant Program!

Faith communities seeking to improve the energy efficiency of their buildings and reducing their carbon emissions are invited to explore VT IPL's Climate Action

Grant program. More information can be found [on our website](#).

If you would like to receive a **print copy of our newsletter** in the mail, please contact chelsea@vtipl.org.

If you would like to be on the mailing list for our **Volunteer Task Force**, please email chelsea@vtipl.org

Thank you for supporting Vermont Interfaith Power & Light. We are grateful to collaborate with you on behalf of the human community and all of Creation.

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