



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

Green Mountains, Blue Water

Faith Climate Action Day

Let's Raise Our Voices for Vermont

February 19 at 9:00am at the Statehouse



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You're Invited: Faith Climate Action Day 2025

On February 19, Vermont's faith and environmental leaders will come together at the Statehouse to **voice our faith and environmental values** in the fight against climate change. The day includes a community gathering, a training on lobbying, a press conference, and time to meet face-to-face with our legislators. **This is a family friendly event!** We welcome and encourage youth voices.

This year, we march for **resilient and healthy communities, affordable housing and smart growth, defense of the Global Warming Solutions Act, and more.**

We need your voice!

REGISTER [HERE.](#)

Where: Vermont Statehouse (115 State St, Montpelier)

When: February 19th, 2025, 9:00am-3:00pm (Attend part of the day or all of it!)

Why: FCAD is an opportunity to build community, advocate for our faith and environmental values directly with our representatives, and stand in solidarity for Vermont's future.

Faith Climate Action Day is a partnership between VT Interfaith Power & Light, VT Public Interest Research Group, VT Interfaith Action, 350 Vermont, VT Natural Resources Council, and VT Conservation Voters.

**[REGISTER for Faith
Climate Action Day!](#)**



Faith Climate Action Day, 2024



2025 Environmental Common Agenda

We're proud to be a supporting partner of Vermont's 2025 **Environmental Common Agenda**. Every year, VCV (Vermont Conservation Voters) puts together this guide to this year's **top legislative priorities for the environment**.

This year's priorities include:

- Successful implementation of historic climate and environmental laws
- Building climate resilience by better protecting our lands and waters
- Investing in affordable housing & smart growth
- Cutting climate pollution and affordable transitions to clean energy
- Fostering healthy communities and safeguarding our democracy

You can read the full agenda [here](#).

Be a VT IPL Congregational Liaison!

Are there key people in your congregation who are concerned about caring for the planet?

VTIPL can work directly with you and your congregation or faith community to **offer programs**, help you **create and sustain a Green Team**, work with you on **climate action grants**, and more!

Please reach out to chelsea@vtipl.org to learn more!



VTIPL

Vermont Interfaith Power & Light

Engage Your Congregation in Caring for the Precious Gift that is our Earth

VTIPL is a faith-based response to global climate change. We bring a moral imperative to the fight against climate change and seek to build a more sustainable future in Vermont.

What We Offer:

Climate Action Grants

As people of faith and conscience, we feel a sacred and moral obligation to reduce our contribution to the climate crisis. Through our **Climate Action Grants**, we enable faith communities to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of their infrastructure. Apply today!

Education & Resources

We offer **books, readings, and statements on faith** for inclusion in Earth-based worship services, as well as legislative action and updates on Vermont climate and environmental policy.

Green Team Formation

VTIPL assists faith communities in creating a **Care for Creation or Green Team** to provide leadership and resources to congregations in worship, education, and advocacy. These teams can mobilize congregations to address climate change and climate justice.

Workshops, Sermons, & Events

VTIPL's interfaith Board members and Coordinator are available to bring **sermons, workshops, and events** to your congregation. Topics include water stewardship, best practices for mitigating climate change, interfaith perspectives on environmental care, eco-justice, eco-spirituality, science and religion, and more.

Interfaith Virtual Book Club: Join our quarterly book club to read and discuss books about eco-spirituality!

Watershed Discipleship: With our "Watershed Discipleship Manual," we help congregations learn about and steward their local watersheds.

Sacred Place Potluck Conversation: A facilitated conversation among interested congregants about sacred place and creation care.

Film Screenings: Including *Common Ground*; *Cooked*; *The Human Element*; and more.

We'd love to work with you! For more information, contact VTIPL Coordinator Chelsea Steinauer-Scudder at chelsea@vtipl.org or visit our website: vtipl.org

Green Drinks: Home Weatherization with Efficiency Vermont

When: Thursday Jan 30th, 5:30-6:30 PM

Location: Virtual

[Click here to register](#)

Did you know that if you enroll in Efficiency Vermont's Home Performance with Energy Star home weatherization program, you may be eligible for 90% project cost reimbursement up to \$9,500? And if you encounter any home repairs that will be necessary to complete the weatherization project, there's an additional \$15,000 available.

Join Efficiency Vermont for an evening to learn about the funding available to help with future weatherization projects.



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Still time to attend the **Building Resilience in Rural Communities Speaker Series**

TODAY at 12pm:

"Regional Planning and Leveraging Nature as Climate Infrastructure"

Sign up [here](#).

- Managing Upstream Flooding and Highlighting Regional Planning Efforts - Kevin Geiger, TRORC
- Supporting State-level Flood Resilience Strategies in the U.S. - Gian Tavares, American Flood Coalition
- Leveraging Nature as Climate Infrastructure in VT - Michele Braun, Friends of the Winooski River
- Leveraging Nature as Climate Infrastructure Nationally - Vincent Lee, Arup

Rebuild by Design is a non-partisan group working with local Vermont organizations to co-host a virtual multi-part educational series targeted at educating current and incoming legislators, and building local capacity and knowledge to equitably adapt to extreme weather events in Vermont.

ENERGY STAR Resources to Fund Upgrades at Your Worship Facility

Use the following resources to find product rebates, tax rebates, and potential grant funding if you're looking to purchase **energy-efficiency upgrades for your worship facility**.

- [New information](#) from ENERGY STAR on how to save energy and finance projects.
- ENERGY STAR Energy [Efficiency Toolkit for Worship Facilities](#) is designed to empower congregations with the tools and resources to jumpstart or enhance your energy management program.
- The ENERGY STAR [Rebate Finder](#) uses your zip code to help you find rebates and special offers near you.
- If you're making larger improvements, the IRS provides [detailed tax information](#) on the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. Unlike prior years, nonprofit organizations, including worship facilities, can participate.

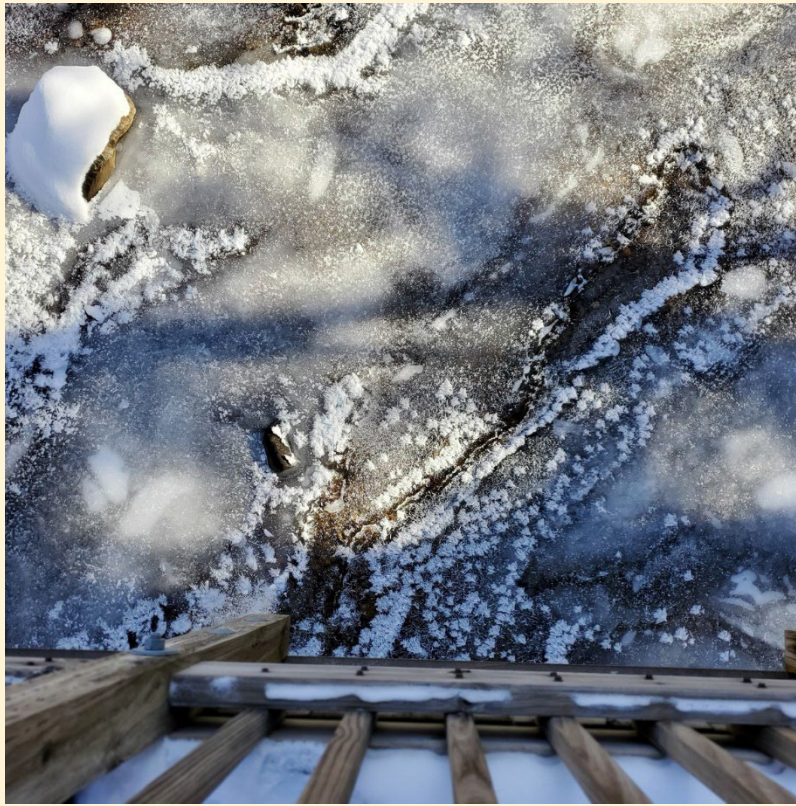


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Hope & Joy: Banking on Clean Energy: A Conversation with Ken LaRoe

TOMORROW, January 28, at 7:00pm on Zoom

Join **Third Act** for a conversation with the Founder and CEO of Climate First Bank. **Discover how one person's vision can transform an industry.** Ken LaRoe will share his journey of building values-based banking systems that prioritize sustainability and impact.

Register [here](#).

Updates on the Clean Heat Standard & Solar For All

Clean Heat Standard: The VTDigger reports that: "[Clean heat standard is less expensive than previously thought, though not 'well suited to Vermont,' commission says](#)"

Solar for All: Vermont has received a federal funding commitment of \$68 million that will offer low-income electricity consumers subsidized access to solar. Read more at [Solar For All Vermont!](#)

VTIPL Climate Action Grants

Our Climate Action Grants provide **matching grants** to faith and spiritual communities in Vermont! These grants can enable your faith and spiritual community to: obtain energy audits, implement energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy projects, and more!

Learn more [here](#).

More programs to come in 2025!

Forest Bathing with Reverend Nancy Wright: As we continue to expand our eco-spiritual programming, we'll be offering two contemplative forest bathing workshops (one in-person and one over Zoom), in Spring / Summer 2025.

Webinar on Divestment and Responsible Investing: Learn about ways you can align your sustainability goals with your financial investments. Coming in early 2025.

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

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