



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

Green Mountains, Blue Water



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Thank you: Faith Climate Action Day 2025

Thank you so much to everyone who came out for Faith Climate Action Day!

With participants ages one and up, we had a wonderful day at the Statehouse on February 19th. The day included a training on lobbying from VPIRG and VNRC. Rev. Richard Hibbert then led us in song--"For the Beauty of the Meadows"--as we walked to the Cedar Creek Room for a press conference, where Ron McGarvey (VTIPL Board President), Rep. Mike Mrowicki (VT Interfaith Action), Rev. Joan Javier-Duval (Unitarian Church of Montpelier), and Rev. Don Chatfield (All Souls Interfaith Gathering of Shelburne) spoke to the need for bold action on climate.

Over the course of the afternoon, we sat down with Senators Phil Baruth and Ruth Hardy, Representatives Amy Sheldon and Dara Torre, Lt Governor John Rogers, and others to voice the urgency of holding course on climate action in Vermont.

Faith Climate Action Day 2025 was 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.

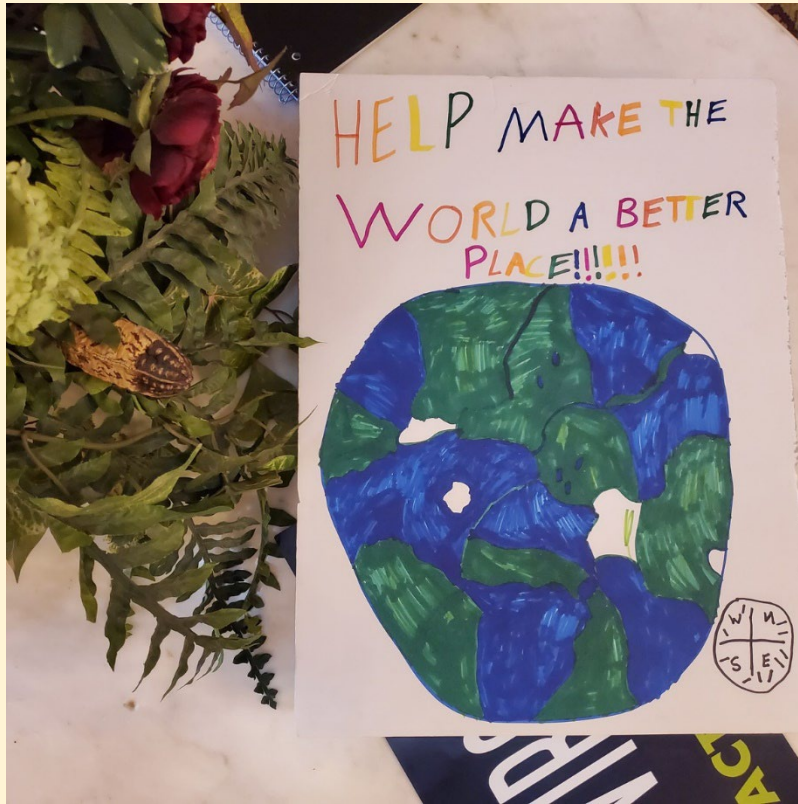


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Update on Legislative Action:

Last week, Senate Republicans tried to use a procedural maneuver to force anti-climate votes on the floor of the Senate. Before the vote, the Sergeant at Arms office reported receiving 500 calls in opposition to climate rollbacks; multiple Senators were flooded with emails. **The GOP Senators' attempt failed.**

Thank you to everyone who reached out to their Senators in support of urgent climate action in Vermont!!

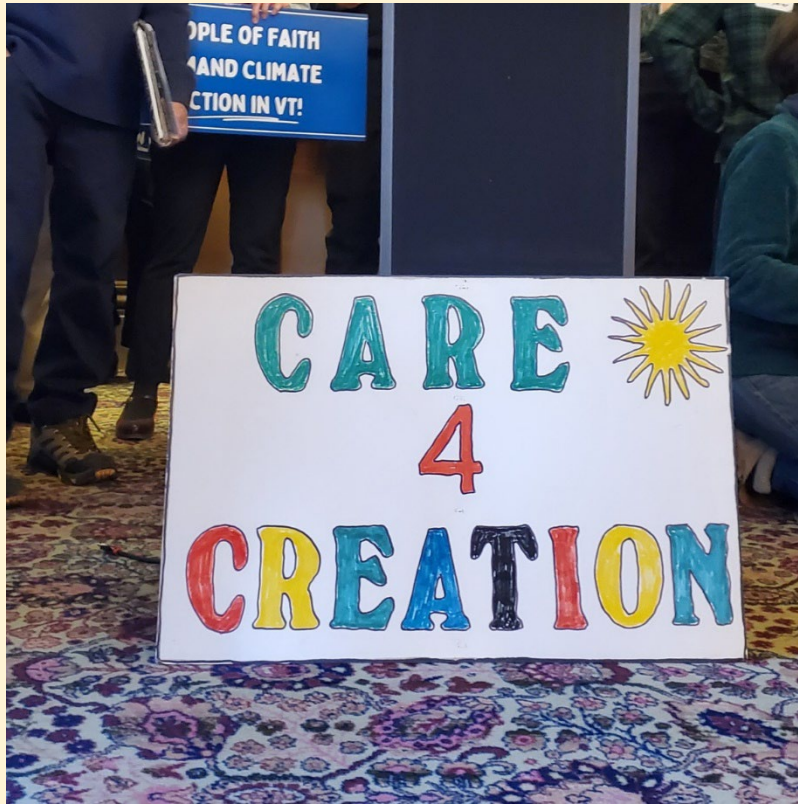


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VTIPL Webinar: Responsible Investing

March 27th at 7:00pm on ZOOM

Join VTIPL for a webinar about **environmentally responsible investing**, featuring climate activist and public theologian, Rev Jim Antal, and financial planner Craig Walker of Greenvest.

We'll hear about the faith and environmental values that inform responsible investing, as well as practical steps for how to do so.

You can register [HERE](#).

Jim Antal is a denominational leader, climate activist, author and public theologian. He serves as Special Advisor on Climate Justice to the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. An environmental activist since the first Earth Day, he has preached on the climate crisis since 1988 in over 400 settings and has engaged in non-violent civil disobedience on numerous occasions. Antal's book,

CLIMATE CHURCH, CLIMATE WORLD is being studied by hundreds of congregations.

Craig Walker is a socially responsible Financial Advisor at Greenvest. He is a lifelong Vermonter, deep environmentalist, and social organizer with various VT groups. He is dedicated to helping clients achieve both their financial and social goals, particularly young professionals and employee's retirement plans. Craig loves hiking, biking and snowboarding with his wife Natasha, and showing his two young sons all the wonders of Vermont.

ActOnClimateVT Webinar: "Understanding and Responding to the State and Federal Attacks on Climate"

March 7th at 12:00pm

When environmental policies are under siege both nationally and in Vermont, it's more important than ever to stand up and speak out! President Trump is doubling down on fossil fuels, jeopardizing the need for clean and affordable energy in Vermont. Meanwhile, Governor Phil Scott is trying to roll back our long-standing, hard fought commitments to protect our people and planet. **If you've been looking for a way to learn more and get involved, this is your opportunity!**

Registration: [HERE](#).



We're Proud to Support our Friends at Youth Lobby:

"With various policies introduced to move us backwards on climate change policy in Vermont, Youth Lobby is going to show up to have our voices heard in and around the Statehouse this year. We have reformed this year's event to be a call to action, to not only march down the streets of Montpelier demanding climate action, but also to make our voices heard through dialogue with legislators.

Participants can meet at Montpelier High school at 10:30. We will start with a march to the State House at 11:00 and wrap up by 1pm. Bring signs, be loud! (and dress for the weather)!"

Please fill out this [registration form](#) if you are planning on attending.

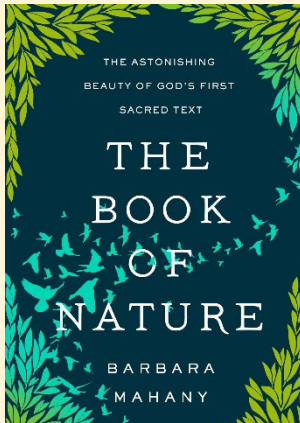
LEAP Energy Fair: Waterbury

April 5th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



Come see us and learn more about our Climate Action Grants at the LEAP energy fair in the Mad River Valley! This free, family-friendly event includes a free show by Marko the Magician, free ice cream, free electronics recycling, children's activities, and local food and refreshments while you learn how to shrink energy bills and save money.

Learn more [HERE](#).



VTIPL April Book Club: The Book of Nature

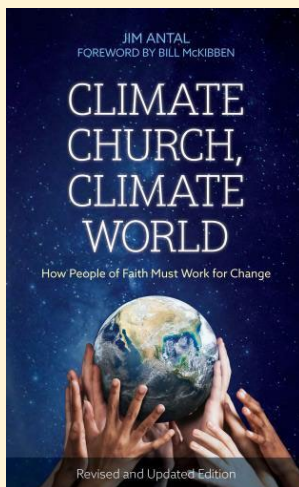
April 21st, April 28th & May 5th at 7:00pm, on ZOOM

Our next book club book will be *The Book of Nature: The Astonishing Beauty of God's First Sacred Text* by Barbara Mahany.

[REGISTER HERE.](#)

“Throughout millennia and across the monotheistic religions, the natural was often revered as a sacred text. By the Middle Ages, this text was given a name, 'The Book of Nature,' the first, best entry point for encounter with the divine. The very act of 'reading' the world, of focusing our attention on each twinkling star and unfurling blossom, humbles us and draws us into sacred encounter.

As we grapple to make sense of today's tumultuous world, one where nature is at once a damaged and damaging source of disaster, as well as a place of refuge and retreat, we are called again to examine how generously it awaits our attention and devotion, standing ready to be read by all.”



Book Recommendation: **Climate Church, Climate World**

Rev Jim Antal's book *Climate Church, Climate World* contends that climate change is the greatest moral challenge humanity has ever faced. Hunger, refugees, poverty, inequality, deadly viruses, war—climate change multiplies all forms of global social injustice.

Environmental advocate Rev. Jim Antal calls on the church to meet this moral challenge, to embrace a new vocation so that future generations might live in harmony with God's creation.

Be a VTIPL 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 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](#).

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

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