



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

Green Mountains, Blue Water

# Faith Climate Action Day

## Earth Vigil

Multi-faith Service  
Community Celebration  
Candle lighting

*Join us to honor our sacred  
home.*

February 19<sup>th</sup>  
4:30-5:00pm  
Statehouse Lawn



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## **You're Invited: Earth Vigil**

**The Faith Climate Action Day EARTH VIGIL** is a multi-faith service and community gathering. After a day of lobbying and advocacy for progressive climate policies, **all are invited to join a coalition of faith and environmental leaders and community members** on the Statehouse lawn as we come together in prayer, song, and silence. The Earth Vigil is a chance to **recognize the sacred, shared ground we stand upon and to raise our voices for a sustainable and verdant future.**

*February 19th at 4:30pm on the Statehouse Lawn.*

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### **Join us for Faith Climate Action Day!**

On **February 19th**, **faith and environmental leaders across Vermont** are gathering at the Statehouse. Together, we will advocate for the Earth. We are coming together in **community, solidarity, and song** to say: Later is too late.

**We are living our faith through our actions, standing for ecological justice for all - NOW.**

We'll gather for community dialogue, sign-making, and meetings with Representatives. The day will end with a **Multi-faith Vigil for the Earth**, including an invocation, singing, and candle lighting.

You can [REGISTER HERE](#).

FCAD is made possible with the support and partnership of a coalition of organizations across our state: VTIPL, VT Interfaith Action, VPIRG, VT Conservation Voters, VNRC, 350VT, and VECAN.

**We hope you'll join us at the Statehouse!**

Thank you, as always, for being part of this community,

The VTIPL Team



*Faith Climate Action Day 2025*

## Faith Climate Action Day Schedule

### February 19th at the Vermont Statehouse:

- 1:00 - 2:30pm: Community gathering, lobby training, sign-making, and dialogue
- 3:00 - 4:00pm: House Session and group recognition
- 1:00-4:30pm: Meetings with Representatives
- 4:30-5:00pm: Earth Vigil on the Statehouse Lawn

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## Here's a look at our 2026 Legislative Agenda:



**VTIPL & VIA**



# 2026 Legislative Priorities

**As a faith-based community voice, we are calling on our leaders to:**

1. **Defend** the **Global Warming Solutions Act**, the **Climate Superfund Act**, & the **Renewable Energy Standard**. *We protect our sacred Earth with climate forward policies.*
2. **Reject H.767**: *Later is too late.* This bill rolls back climate legislation under the guise of affordability.
3. **Defend Act 181**: *We are called to be stewards of the living world.* The Home Bill, Act 250, centers land reform, community resilience, & biodiversity protection.
4. **Reject H.601**: This bill adds nuclear power to the Renewable Energy Standard.
5. **Pass S.202**: *Affordable, accessible, & clean energy is critical to eco-justice.* This bill to enables portable, plug-in solar.
6. **Pass S.170, H.716**: This bill protects residential solar & stops reducing financial compensation under net metering law for two years.
7. **Pass H.753**: *We are called to protect the poor.* This Rate Payer Protection bill reins in electricity shut-offs.
8. **Pass H.600**: This bill adopts all current federal Appliance Efficiency Standards into VT State Law.
9. **Pass H.609**: This follow-up bill allows utilities to form thermal energy networks.
10. **Pass H.740**: *Knowledge empowers action.* This bill develops a framework for green house gas emissions reporting in VT, related to transportation and heating fuels.
11. **Pass S.219**: *We are more resilient together.* This bill directs Efficiency Vermont to study the creation of a community-based energy navigator program statewide.
12. **Pass S.270**: This bill enables the right to charge EVs at condos and common properties.
13. **Pass S.176**: *The health of the living world directly impacts our health.* This bill bans the toxic herbicide Paraquat.
14. **Ban PFAS.**

## Faith Climate Action Day: A Great Opportunity for Green Teams!

**FCAD is a wonderful chance to put your Green Team or Creation Care Committee into action!**



The day includes a training on **environmental lobbying and advocacy**, as well as a chance to put that training into practice with face-to-face Representative meetings in which we can bring a moral voice to the fight against climate change.

We'll also have time for **building relationships within a interfaith community**, and our afternoon **Vigil for the Earth** will be a **multi-faith service with elements of song, prayer, and light**.

Green Teams can register as individuals or as a group on our [registration page](#).

If you'd like more information on getting your Green Team involved, please reach out to [chelsea@vtipl.org](mailto:chelsea@vtipl.org)

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## 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](mailto:chelsea@vtipl.org) to learn more!

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## 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](#).

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

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