



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

Green Mountains, Blue Water



Dear VTIPL Community,

In tumultuous and uncertain times like these, we are grateful to be anchored in our community. When so much critical environmental work is being scaled back, thinned out, and undone at the national level, **we are actively working to expand, strengthen, and deepen our work here in Vermont.**

Climate change-caused flooding in our beautiful state and climate devastation beyond our borders calls on us as spiritual leaders and people of faith to reaffirm our commitment to caring for the Earth, our sacred home.

VTIPL gives voice to a multi-faith commitment to address the immediate impacts of a changing climate. We support action needed now to avoid worse impacts in the future, and our work aims to nurture the spiritual force of Vermont's diverse faith and spiritual communities to build a sustainable future.

As a faith-based organization we are working to keep the fires of moral responsibility alive, standing by scientific truth, and serving as a refuge for eco-spiritual engagement, environmental advocacy, and walking the talk on Creation care.

Despite political reversals, we're not backing down—we're leaning in. And we're asking for your support. **Please consider an end-of-year gift to VTIPL** and support our work in the New Year. *Generous donors will match the first \$3,000 in donations!*

Below is a link to our inaugural **Annual Report to Our Community**, as well as some of the ways we've put your donations to use over the last year, and a look ahead at the year to come.

With gratitude and blessings for the New Year,

Ron McGarvey

Board President, VTIPL

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"Later is too late." - Richard Butz



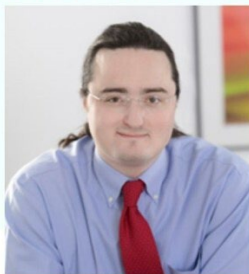
Faith Climate Action Day 2025

In February, we gathered at the Statehouse to voice the urgency of holding the course on climate action in Vermont, urging state leaders not to roll back critical environmental legislation. We partnered with VPIRG, 350VT, VCV, VNRC, and VIA. We participated in a training on lobbying, held a press conference, and met with our representatives.

“If it's a sin to wreck creation, then it's a sin to profit from wrecking creation.” — Jim Antal

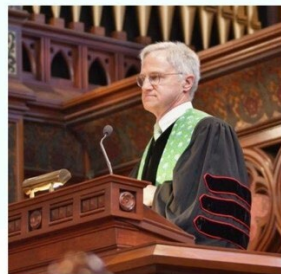
FEATURING

CRAIG WALKER, GREENVEST



CRAIG WALKER IS A SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL ADVISOR AT GREENVEST. HE IS A LIFELONG VERMONT, DEEP ENVIRONMENTALIST, AND SOCIAL ORGANIZER WITH VARIOUS VT GROUPS. HE IS DEDICATED TO HELPING CLIENTS ACHIEVE BOTH THEIR FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL GOALS.

REVEREND JIM ANTAL



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.

Webinars for Action & Advocacy

Environmentally Responsible Investing Webinar: In late March, we hosted a wonderful conversation with climate activist and public theologian, The Rev. Jim Antal, and financial planner Craig Walker of Greenvest. We heard about the faith and environmental values that inform responsible investing, the history of the divestment movement within faith communities in the United States, and practical steps for how to invest responsibly.

Sun Day Webinar: In September, we co-sponsored a webinar hosted by the VT Conference of the UCC Justice & Witness Ministries Committee to help congregations prepare for Sun Day.

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"And into the forest I go, to lose my mind and find my soul." - John Muir



Caring for Creation: Outside & In

In September, **we brought together faith communities across the state for a half-day gathering at Ascension Lutheran Church** in South Burlington to celebrate Creation and to renew our commitment to advocating for and defending our shared Earth.

Through Forest Therapy led by The Rev. Nancy Wright, a shared meal, and community dialogue, we asked: **How do people of faith actively engage this time of unraveling and uncertainty with open hearts, fierce spirits, and enduring care?**

“Figuring out how to break the centralized power of the fossil fuel industry is a key form of resistance.” — Bill McKibben

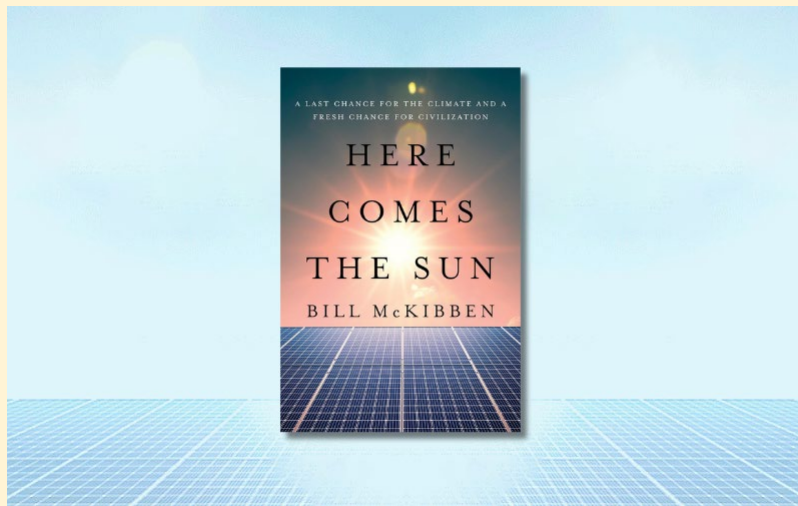


Climate Action Grants

With gratitude to several generous donors, we offer matching grants to faith communities who are seeking to improve the energy efficiency and lower the carbon footprint of their buildings and structures, empowering people to take action in their houses of worship to conserve energy, use it efficiently, and increase the use of renewable energy.

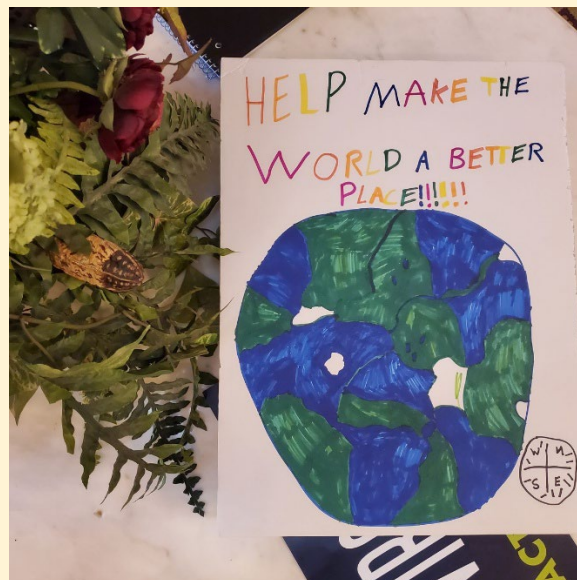
This year we funded half a dozen grants to install heat pumps, LED lighting, electric vehicle charging stations, solar panels, and more. We are working alongside faith communities every day to ensure a greener Vermont. *These grants come from restricted funds, while your donations enable us to do our action, advocacy, and community work!*

“Your community is your refuge.” — Thich Nhat Hanh



VTIPL Interfaith Book Club

Over the course of the year, our online book club read and discussed four incredible books: *Zen and the Art of Saving the Planet* by Thich Nhat Hanh; *The Book of Nature* by Barbara Mahany; *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer; and *Here Comes the Sun* by Bill McKibben.



Looking Ahead to 2026:

- Faith Climate Action Day 2026. Join us at the Statehouse in late February!
- "Gathering for Creation" in Brattleboro: Building Hope for the Earth (Spring 2026)
- Green Team engagement and formation opportunities
- VT IPL Webinar Series
- Interfaith Book Club: Join us for our quarterly discussions over Zoom!
- Climate Action Grants: We accept applications on a rolling basis throughout the year.

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