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VTIPL Annual Conference's Keynote Speaker: George Lakey

George Lakey, author of *Viking Economics: How the Scandinavians Got It Right - and How We Can, Too*, will be the Keynote Speaker at VT Interfaith Power & Light's annual conference on Sat., Oct. 13, 2018 at Faith United Methodist Church in South Burlington. Find more about George and read articles he wrote [here](#). Watch this newsletter for more conference details in coming months.

Faith Climate Action Week: April 14 - 22, 2018

National Interfaith Power & Light's *Faith Climate Action Week* will happen

soon! Clergy and lay leaders across the country will preach about global climate change, give workshops, lead activities to help people conserve energy and use it efficiently, and take action in other ways. Contact [VTIPL](#) if your congregation will be participating. National IPL's [website](#) has resources.

Bennington's Second Congregational Church Wins National Award

Congratulations to Second Congregational Church in Bennington for winning national Interfaith Power & Light's *Cool Congregations' Community Inspiration Award!* They won the \$1,000 prize for their *Sun and Fun* community event that welcomed all and included: a celebration of solar energy; great music and food; demonstrations on bee-keeping, electric bikes, and a tiny house; activities for kids; a seminar on climate change; and a panel on going solar, among other activities. More info is on the national [ipl website](#) and in this VTDigger [article](#).

Urge VT Senators to Keep Funding for a Study of Carbon Pricing in Budget

Please urge your state senator(s) to keep the funding for an impartial carbon pricing study in the budget! The Vermont House of Representatives has voted for this funding. It's now being considered by the Senate Appropriations Committee before going to the full Senate. Find out more and take action at the Energy Independent Vermont [website](#).

Enter Efficiency Vermont's Video Contest!

This video contest promotes energy efficiency in the home. Make your video and enter soon -- the deadline is Earth Day: April 22. Videos are to be 60 seconds (or less); through showing, explaining, or singing, they should convey why the home needs to be weatherized. The contest is open to legal Vermont residents age 18 or older who own an eligible property (single family detached home). Enter videos via the [website](#) or Facebook. The Grand Prize is a Home Performance with ENERGY STAR project of up to \$5,000, and there are three second prizes. More information is on the website.

350Vermont's Building Ground Leadership Training

The weekend-long Leadership Training will be Fri. Apr. 27 - Sun. Apr. 29. It will build skills necessary for climate justice work, focusing on sharing fundamental frameworks about climate justice and building relationships that

empower effective leaders. The priority application deadline is 9 am on Mon. Apr. 9. Here are the [details](#).

Film About Standing Rock to Show at VT State House

Lt. Gov. David Zuckerman is hosting the showing of *Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock* at the Vermont State House cafeteria on Thurs. Apr. 26. Arrive at 5:30 for a light supper; the movie will be shown at 6 pm and will be followed by a panel/attendee discussion. The event is free and open to all.

Clean Water Network Meeting on May 15

This meeting of the Clean Water Network will be from 8:30 am - Noon on May 15 at ECHO, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain in Burlington. It will include a Legislative Wrap-Up Panel Discussion with: Emily Boedecker, Commissioner of the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation; Chris Pearson, Chittenden County State Senator; and Rebekah Weber, Lake Champlain Lakekeeper for the Conservation Law Foundation. Find out more and register [here](#).

New Book: *Climate Church, Climate World* by Rev. Jim Antal

The book *Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change* by The Rev. Jim Antal, President and Conference Minister of the United Church of Christ in Massachusetts, has recently come out. This [link](#) has more information.

Five Commentaries/Articles

-Leaving the World a Better Place -- VTDigger [commentary](#) by Rabbi Michael Cohen of Manchester Center, VT.

-A Business Case for Carbon Pricing -- Times Argus [commentary](#) by Chris Miller, the activism manager at Ben & Jerry's.

-All In For Clean Water -- Caledonia Record [commentary](#) by David Deen, Chair of the VT House Committee on Fish, Wildlife, and Water Resources.

-Towns Tell State Leaders to Act on Climate Change. Are They Listening? -- Elizabeth Gribkoff and Kelsey Neubauer report in this [article](#) that residents in 35 Vermont towns voted overwhelmingly in support of Town Meeting climate change/renewable energy resolutions.

-U.S. Judge Dismisses Exxon Lawsuit to Stop Climate Change Probes -- Jonathan Stempel [reports](#) that a federal judge recently dismissed Exxon

Mobil's lawsuit which tried to stop probes into what it knew about climate change.

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Moving Toward Zero Energy Workshop Series

This workshop series, *The Path to Greater Home Comfort and Energy Savings: Moving Toward Zero Energy*, is hosted by and is being held at NRG Systems, 110 Riggs Rd., Hinesburg. Two of the four workshops in the series remain - on Apr. 11 and May 2. Workshops begin at 6:30 pm with networking; the presentations run from 7 - 9 pm. The series is free and all are welcome to attend one or both of the workshops. Contact Chuck Reiss: 802-482-3295.

LEAP Energy Fair: Saturday, April 7, 9 am - 3 pm, Duxbury

Waterbury LEAP (Local Energy Action Partnership) sponsors this free energy fair, held at Crossett Brook Middle School Gym in Duxbury. More information is [here](#) or contact Ned Houston at 802-244-7829.

VTIPL helps people of faith and spirit to better understand the climate crisis and to take action to care for Earth.

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