



Vermont Interfaith Power & Light
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Thanks to Our Conference Speaker, Leaders, Sponsors, and Participants!

Many thanks to all who attended VTIPL's successful annual conference on Oct. 21. You all contributed to making it a great day!

Keynote Address by Deb Markowitz given at VTIPL's Oct. 21 Conference

Deb's keynote will soon be posted on VTIPL's website and will be airing on public access TV stations around the state. Contact your local public access TV station and request that they show it!

350VT Convergence on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 2 - 8 pm at Goddard College

Find the details about 350VT's annual statewide meeting [here](#) and register *now* if interested in attending. Workshops will be in the afternoon from 2 - 5 pm followed by the annual meeting featuring 2017 successes, info on their new solutions campaign, and appreciations & awards. Dinner and discussion will be from 6:30 - 8:00. Admission fee is on a sliding scale from \$10 - \$50.

"Saving Our Waters" -- Vermont Public TV Documentary and Two Events

The 3-part documentary on the health and vibrancy of the Lake Champlain Basin premiered on VPT in mid-October. You can [watch it](#) online. Town-Hall-style conversations on this topic - free and open to all - are being held at 6:30 pm: on 11/8 at Paramount Theater in Rutland and 11/15 at 14th Star Brewery in St. Albans. Much information is [here](#).

Crossroads Conference on Nov. 11 at Champlain College, Burlington

Join us at the Crossroads Conference - free and open to all (but do register) - to learn about the major campaigns that will lead Vermont forward. Find more details and register [here](#). VT IPL is one of the sponsoring organization along with VPIRG, VT Natural Resources Council, Toxics Action Center, Rights & Democracy, Justice for All, Main Street Alliance, Let's Grow Kids, VT- NEA, and more. Please come and help move Vermont forward and discover how we can succeed together!

VT Energy and Climate Action Network (VECAN) Annual Meeting - Dec. 2

Transforming Vermont's Energy from the Ground Up is the title of this year's conference, and Gina McCarthy, former head of the EPA, is the Keynote Speaker. The conference is 9 am - 4:30 pm on Dec. 2 at Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee. Many workshops are offered including "Transforming Our Transportation System". Registration will open soon. Here are [details](#).

Low Carbon Thanksgiving Guide

National Interfaith Power & Light offers a [free guide](#) to help families reduce their carbon footprint at holiday time.

Wreaths from Green Mountain Monastery

The Sisters harvest in a sustainable way from trees on their property the balsam they use in making the 20 inch wreaths. The cost is \$25 + shipping (with discounts for large orders) and wreaths ship after Thanksgiving. The website has [more information](#). To place an order, send an [email](#).

Our Children's Trust

In this *Eco-Justice Notes*, Peter Sawtell speaks of the federal lawsuit brought by 21 children and youth from across the country against our government because of inaction on the climate crisis which threatens their future. Read it [here](#).

Drawdown - Paul Hawken Speaks about Reversing Global Warming

Paul gave this [webinar](#) for the Security and Sustainability Forum. It's similar to the speech he recently gave at UVM. Beginning at the 11 minute mark, his webinar is about 1 hour long. Paul also has a book on this topic.

Climate Action and Getting Off Fossil Fuels - Four Pieces

-Put a Price On It: Energy Independent Vermont [Report](#).

-"The Time to Move Off Fossil Fuels is Now" - [Article](#) by Wenonah Hauter and Jean Ross.

-[Commentary](#): "Carbon tax proven effective" by William Thwing in VT Digger.

-[Commentary](#): "Climate change's high price" by Dan Hoxwoth in the Times Argus.

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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