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Registration for VTIPL Annual Conference to Begin in Late August

Plans for VTIPL's 2019 conference, *Envisioning and Acting for the World We Want*, are coming together very well. It will be on Saturday, Oct. 26 at Middlebury Congregational Church. Registration for the conference, either online or by mail, will begin later this month. The workshops are taking shape. In the afternoon session, participants will choose among an advocacy

workshop on the Global Warming Solutions Act with Ben Walsh from VPIRG and Sandy Levine from Conservation Law Foundation, a clean water workshop with Agency of Natural Resources Secretary Julie Moore and State Senator Chris Bray, and an "Inner Transition" workshop led by Ruah Swennerfelt about the heart change that's needed before people will commit strongly to taking climate action. It's going to be a great conference - don't miss it! More details will be in the September newsletter. Questions? [Contact VTIPL](#) to learn more.

VTIPL's New Website

VTIPL has transitioned to a new, user-friendly website - now live. Check it out [here!](#) Over the next couple weeks, material will frequently be added to it, but it now has the essential information and important announcements. Key information about the conference is already posted, and much information will be added to the annual conference page.

Congregations Invited to be Sponsors of VTIPL's Annual Conference

As in past years, congregations are invited and encouraged to be sponsors of VTIPL's conference. For a sponsorship of \$50 or more, the congregation's name will be listed on our website and in the conference program. To receive the sponsorship form for congregations, [email VTIPL](#) and it will be sent to you. We are very grateful to the congregations that sponsor the conference!

The Burlington 2030 Sustainable Development Goals Games

With friends and strangers, and using virtual time and money to achieve personal and group objectives, learn how to play and work together to reach the United Nations' sustainable development goals. Expect to leave with a sense of your own agency in creating our future world. The games will be in Burlington on August 6 at First Congregational Church and August 8 at College Street Congregational Church. To learn more and/or register for the August 6 game, click [here](#) and for the August 8 game, click [here](#). A light supper will be provided. Questions? Click [here](#).

The SDG Games sponsors include: Burlington Ready for 100%; Fair Trade Campaigns; A Fairer Society; Peace & Justice Center; Vermont Ibutwa Initiative; and Vermont Interfaith Action.

***Paris to Pittsburgh* - Film Showing & Panel Discussion in Bennington**

The National Geographic documentary *Paris to Pittsburgh* will be shown at Bennington Free Library (101 Silver St., Bennington) on Thursday, August 8 at 6:30 pm. Following the film, there will be a panel discussion with Vermont representatives Kathleen James and Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Barbara True-Weber, and VT IPL Coordinator Betsy Hardy will moderate. A Q&A with the audience will be included. The event is hosted by VT Interfaith Power & Light and VT Climate & Health Alliance. It's free and open to all. [Contact](#) VT IPL for info and to arrange a film showing in your community.

Vermont State Senator Becca Balint was Moderator of the discussion following the showing of *Paris to Pittsburgh* in Brattleboro and she wrote a great piece for the Brattleboro Reformer. Here is Becca's [op-ed](#).

***Broke: The Santa Barbara Oil Pipeline Spill of 2015* Film Showing**

This film will be shown at Richmond Free Library (201 Bridge St., Richmond) on Thursday, Aug. 14 at 7 pm. Following the film, Gail Osherenko, the filmmaker, will be with us to speak about her award-winning film on the oil pipeline spill in Santa Barbara, CA in 2015. Julie Macuga from 350VT will speak about resistance to new fossil fuel infrastructure in Vermont. Richmond Climate Action Committee is lead event sponsor. A \$5 free-will offering is requested to help offset some of the filmmaker's costs. For more information, contact [VTIPL](#).

Sacred Waters Event at Shelburne Bay on September 7

This third annual Sacred Waters Event will include activities at Shelburne Bay Park and canoeing in the surrounding waters. Contact [VTIPL](#) for details.

Climate Strike and Climate Week Sept. 20 - 27

Join in the Climate Strike happening in Vermont and worldwide on September 20, and Climate Week through September 27! The global Climate Strike and Week were inspired by Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg. The plans for what will happen in Vermont are being developed. More information will be in VT IPL's September newsletter.

Greta Thunberg's Speech at the Brilliant Minds Conference

[Watch](#) Greta's eight-minute speech given in Stockholm in June.

Has Your Doctor Talked to You About Climate Change?

To hear this [story](#), aired on National Public Radio in July, scroll about halfway down the page to this story and click to listen.

Reminders:

***Sun and Fun* Event in Bennington on August 24**

The *Sun and Fun* festival at Bennington's Second Congregational Church on Saturday, Aug. 24 from 10 am - 3 pm celebrates nature, sustainability, community, and more! Find the details on the [Facebook page](#).

Congregational Watershed Manuals

The Christian edition and the Interreligious edition of VTIPL's *Congregational Watershed Manuals* are available for free download on VTIPL's [website homepage](#). Also, there's a link on the website to the order form to order bound copies. Contact [VTIPL](#) for information if you're interested in having a presentation of the manual(s) for your congregation.

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

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