

FOLLOW UP
“Responding with 2020 Vision to the Climate Crisis”

EQUIPPING OURSELVES FOR THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Upper Valley

320 Rte. 5 South, Norwich

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sponsored by the Four Unitarian Universalist Congregations
in Hartland, Woodstock, Strafford and Norwich

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“Sorrow for the Earth” (Painting by Joan Columbus)

Program:

We invite you to equip yourselves for the tasks ahead

Not only

- **to enable you to follow up on the 3-4 action priorities** that came out of each of the workshops at the Conference on the local, state and national levels

But also

- **to offer you effective networking systems.** You'll meet originators and reps:
 - so we can know what's happening and take action at the local, state, and national levels;
 - provide opportunities to join together, collaborate and support one another.

You'll meet:

- **Ian Hitchcock**, re advocating for climate change legislation in VT with the Advocacy Network and "Climate Dispatch"
- **Jack Cushman**, re establishing an Upper Valley List Serve and Calendar dedicated to Climate Change
- **Peg Brightman**, re establishing a church created Facebook page, dedicated to Climate Change, with possible links to other churches
- **Laurel Stevenson**, re joining a national organization, focused on the Climate Crisis, representing Extinction Rebellion, Upper Valley
- **Ron McGarvey**, President, Vermont Interfaith Power and Light
- **Susan Fuller**, Representative, New Hampshire Interfaith Power and Light

AND

TO ENGAGE WITH YOU IN BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**to deepen understanding, dialogue about options, and
practice engagement**

1. "Motivating and Equipping your Church to Work for Climate Justice" with Bruce Freeberg, Mandy Lapé-Freeberg, and Telos Whitfield

Bruce Freeberg, currently enrolled in the Climate Change Leadership Academy offered by Vital Communities and the Upper Valley Adaptation Workshop, is a history teacher at Crossroads Academy.

Mandy Lape-Freeberg is the Senior Pastor of the Church of Christ at Dartmouth College, UCC. She believes that faith communities have the power to encourage life-giving ways. In this moment of crisis, we must do everything that we can to help the planet.

Rev. Telos Whitfield serves the Universalist Society of Strafford and also works for Southeastern VT Community Action. Working for peace has been a path she has followed for decades, including a 300 mile peace walk for nuclear disarmament in 1987, managing the Earth Charter Celebration in 2001, and practicing mindfulness in the tradition Buddhist peace leader Thich Nhat Hanh. She has also folded thousands of peace cranes over the years!

2. "The Background of the Green New Deal, Advocating and having Conversations" with Jack Cushman

Jack, recently retired to Norwich after more than four decades as a journalist covering climate change and other governmental issues. As managing editor of InsideClimate News, he led the nonprofit, nonpartisan news organization's prize-winning coverage of the climate crisis. He previously worked as a Washington correspondent and editor, including 27 years in the Washington bureau of The New York Times.

Jack was just elected to the executive committee of the Sierra Club's Upper Valley Group. We'll hear more of his initiatives to addressing the Climate Crisis in the Upper Valley.

3. Sharing Stories & Tips for Effective Action in Town Bodies and State Legislatures; What's on the docket? with Sarah Wood and Sue Taylor.

Sarah Wood, from Hartland, VT is a Human Security, Conflict Prevention and Resiliency Planner, with over 20 years experience in the U.S. and abroad. She specializes in conflict resource analysis, adaption strategies to climate crisis impacts and the role that governance and social cohesion plays. She has recently worked with VNRC on presenting a case for climate change to the Legislature in Montpelier.

Sue Taylor, formerly a high school teacher on Long Island and a longtime resident of Plainfield, active on the political scene, is dedicating herself to addressing the Climate Crisis. She has been active on the political scene in NH and VT for a long time.

FLASH: A preview of the video "Responding to the Climate Crisis with 2020 Vision," produced for CATV at the Conference by Volunteer David Donley, will be shown at the Follow Up!

Come, join us! Please respond to Zara by e-mail: sdreeves1@gmail.com

The Planning Committee from the four Churches

Rev. Telos Whitfield, Marissa Mazzucco, and Gayle Giovanna, Universalist Society of Strafford; Peg Brightman, North Universalist Chapel Society, Woodstock; Judy Munger, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Upper Valley; David & Sue Taylor, and Zara Reeves, coordinator, First Universalist Society of Hartland