

4. The Global Water Crisis Comes to Vermont

Starting off the three-part workshop, the Rev. Sister Laurian Seeber will present an overview of water issues on the international level (with thanks to Maude Barlow). The major presenter will be Annette Smith of Vermonters for a Clean Environment on the statewide situation with water. The third part will be different in each venue, with folks from Water 1st in Randolph; from Dorset Citizens for Responsible Growth in Manchester; and People Concerned about Chloramine in Burlington: all discussing local issues. www.vce.org

5. Developing the Capacities for Responding to Climate Change: The 350 ppm goal and the call to action

In the late 1980's the level of CO2 in the atmosphere passed 350 ppm, the safe level of carbon dioxide for maintaining a suitable climate for our planet, and the Earth continues to warm. Climate change calls us at once in two directions. It calls us to immediate and powerful action to protect the future livability of our home planet. But it also, if we let it, calls us towards greater awareness of the innumerable gifts the Earth has given us. In this non-technical exploration of climate change you will explore the criteria for sound paths to achieve progress toward the 350 ppm goal.

This workshop has been developed from materials created and assembled by Beth Sawin and Phil Rice from Sustainability Institute and Tina Clarke from Clean Water Action. www.OurClimateOurselves.org

Diocesan Ministry Presentation: Providing a Rich Soil for All Generations - Afternoon conversation with youth

Young people will hold a conversation about strengthening the relationships between adults, children, and youth. We will explore the ways young people are good stewards in their congregations by giving themselves to service in their community and church. Young people have something to say about how they are perceived by the church and how important spirituality is to them. Young people will bear witness that they are "Sown in the Heart of Christ." Step onto rich soil and experience worship, conversation, and the abundant fruits that young people offer. This conversation was inspired by young people who attended the Episcopal Youth Event in San Antonio Texas July 8-13.

Hopkins Bookshop will offer books and resources on sustainability for sale at each Ministry Fair. Titles will include books by author, educator and environmentalist Bill McKibben, the 2008 Convention Forum speaker.

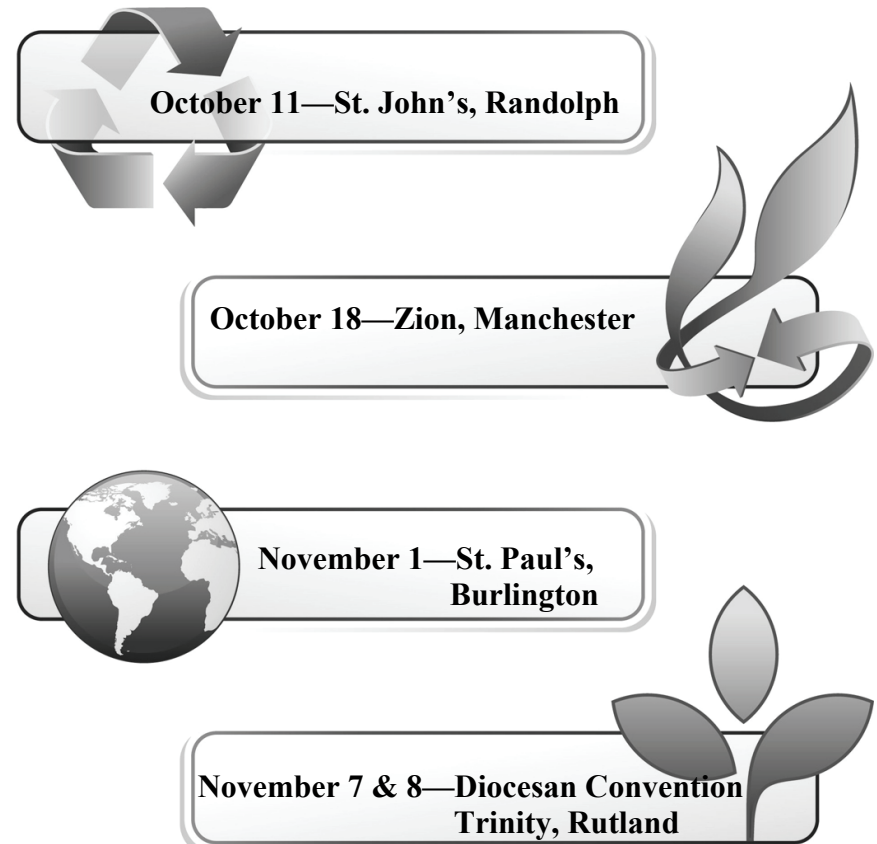


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2008 Ministry Fairs

Tending God's World - NOW!

Sustainability: "Living in such a way that provides for the needs of today's people while at the same time assuring that future generations have all that they need to lead fulfilling lives" is the working definition from "Handle with Care," the environmental curriculum used at Rock Point Summer Camp, 2008.





Ministry Fair Workshops

Hands-on ways you and your congregation can tend God's world - NOW!

Everybody's welcome! Come all day or come for part of the day. Choose from five workshops in the morning. Worship and break bread together. Hear from the youth of the diocese. Be a part of the Pre-Convention Hearings in the afternoon, a time to learn more about the issues Convention will be covering.

SCHEDULE

9:00—9:15 a.m.	Registration and Coffee
9:15—10:15 a.m.	First Round of Workshops
10:15—10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30—11:30 a.m.	Second Round of Workshops
11:30—11:45 a.m.	Break
11:45—12:30 p.m.	Eucharist
12:30—1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15—2:00 p.m.	Diocesan Ministry Presentation
2:00—4:00 p.m.	Pre-Convention Hearings

NEW FEATURE! Think Globally, Eat Locally: A delicious home-cooked lunch at the ministry fair too!

For this year's ministry fairs, and in the development of best practices, locally grown and prepared food will be offered as the lunch at each ministry fair. 2 soups, one of them vegetarian, local cheeses, apples and other fall foods will be served for a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Bring your own mug for coffee and strive to have a "no waste" lunch. Enjoy the meal and help to lessen your carbon footprint by decreasing the miles that the food served at lunch traveled to your plate.

REGISTRATION

There are two easy ways for you to register.

Complete and send the enclosed form to:
Ministry Fair Registrations
Diocese of Vermont
5 Rock Point Road
Burlington, VT 05408

Contact the Diocesan Office and give your name, parish and workshop choice:

by phone 802-863-3431/800-286-3431
by e-mail: adminasst@dioceseofvermont.org

1. Getting started! A Resolution Calling for Climate/Carbon Neutrality Energy Audits or What is an energy audit and how do I get one?

In November 2007, delegates to the 175th Convention of the Diocese of Vermont unanimously resolved that each of its parishes conduct an audit of its energy use and consumption patterns and that each parish file a report before the 177th convention. To help you and your congregation get started, members of Vermont Interfaith Power & Light (VTIPL) will conduct a sample energy audit with its do-it-yourself audit workbook for religious buildings. Workshop leaders will describe the assessment process and summarize VTIPL's assessments of many Episcopal churches in VT. They will describe what some churches in the Diocese of VT have done to decrease their carbon footprints. The final piece to the hour-long workshop will include an instructional walk. www.vtipl.org

2. Carbon footprint/Carbon offsets; ways to lighten your impact on greenhouse gas emissions

This workshop, led by Green Mountain Offsets co-founders Tracy Magner and Bob Waters, will address issues of carbon emissions. In addition to explaining our carbon footprint, and examining ways we can conserve to lessen our impact on the environment, we will talk about the concept of carbon offsets: what they are, how they work, and how they help the fight against global warming. Green Mountain Offsets is a Vermont-based company founded with the vision of helping Vermont become the first carbon neutral state. Through the proper use and implementation of carbon offsets, this vision may soon become a reality. The photo-voltaic installation at St. Barnabas, Norwich, Vermont will be highlighted as an example of what can be done throughout the diocese. www.greenmountainoffsets.com

3. Bread and Community

Bread is a profound and ancient symbol of life. Flour and salt – the makings of bread – were frequently brought to our early altars. Today we share bread at almost every meal and it is broken and shared at the center of our worship every Sunday. We have always known that in order to live we will always have to receive and care for the gifts of life.

We also know that we must share these gifts. They are not for us alone. In order to really live, we need to give, we need to share, we need to love. How are we bread for one another? How do we break, bless and share all the gifts that God has given us?

This workshop, led by the Rev. Lisa Ransom, Vicar, St. Dunstan's, Waitsfield, and Theresa Gleason, Vestry member of St. Stephen's, Middlebury, will focus on the metaphor of bread through meditation, Lectio Divina and the mixing and baking of communion bread using local ingredients. We will share recipes, experiences and offer our bread for our Noonday Eucharist. www.SaintDunstans.com, GleasonGrains.com