## News November 10, 2015 from

**The Washington Unitarian Universalist Church** 

Route 110, Washington, Vermont

**Rev.** M'ellen will be preaching Nov. 29 in Montpelier and Dec. 27 in Burlington.

Sunday, November 29, 10AM at the Unitarian Church of Montpelier, Vt "Prayers from the Parliament of the World's Religions: Reclaiming the Heart of Our Humanity" with Rev. Dr. M'ellen Kennedy

The Parliament of the World's Religions was created in 1893 "to cultivate harmony among the world's religious and spiritual communities and foster their engagement with the world and its guiding institutions in order to achieve a just, peaceful and sustainable world." The Parliament, which meets only every three to five years, convened October 15-19 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Rev. <u>M'ellen</u> attending as part of a Sufi contingent. In this worship service, Rev. <u>M'ellen</u> will share stories, reflections and prayers from the Parliament. To learn more about the Parliament visit <u>http://www.parliamentofreligions.org//mission</u>

And Sunday, December 27, 9 AM and 11AM

at the First Unitarian Universalist Society, Burlington, Vt "Prayers from the Parliament of the World's Religions: Reclaiming the Heart of Our Humanity" with Rev. Dr. M'ellen Kennedy WINTER SOLSTICE GATHERING We've begun planning and will have a date soon. Look for details in the next email.

## **GREAT NEWS from FIRST UNIVERSALIST, CHESTER!**

First Universalist Parish in Chester now has a 16-panel solar array; it's expected to meet the church's full electrical demand. The project's origins came from a discussion group reading Naomi Klein's book "This Changes Everything" hosted by the Climate Action Team at the church. The solar proposal was unanimously approved by the congregation in June. The cost was covered by special contributions from 17 families, matched by a challenge grant from two congregants and by inkind labor and equipment. A member of the congregation who is a solar developer oversaw the permitting, construction, and connection to the grid. The congregation also approved and implemented divesting their endowment fund from fossil fuel companies. And all of this happened in four months! Congratulations to First Parish – your church is an inspiration!

## **VECAN MEETING in FAIRLEE**

The Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network (VECAN) annual meeting will be on Saturday, Dec. 5. Richard Heinberg, author and Sr. Fellow at the Post Carbon Institute, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Community Energy and Climate Action Conference. Plan to come! It will be from 9 -4:30 at Lake Morey Inn in Fairlee. More information is here: www.vecan.net/join-us-vecans-7th-annual-community-energyand-climate-action-conference/

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