

## Vermont Interfaith Power and Light Executive Committee Bios

### Dr. Colin High, VTIPL Treasurer

Colin is a founder and leader of Resource Systems Group Inc., an environmental consulting company. He is a former Dartmouth College Professor of Environmental Studies and Engineering. Colin co-founded the Environmental Sustainability Group at his church, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Upper Valley. He is a founding VTIPL member and he also now serves as president of the newly formed New Hampshire Interfaith Power and Light. (He lives in New Hampshire and his work and his faith community are in Vermont.)

### Ron McGarvey, VTIPL Secretary, Energy auditor

Ron is a retired energy engineer. He was most recently employed as Efficiency Vermont's Director of Residential Energy Services. Ron has conducted pro bono energy audits in approximately 150 houses of worship and associated buildings all over Vermont. He is a founding VTIPL member. In addition to his work for VTIPL, Ron works as a volunteer for a number of other nonprofit organizations including ECHO Leahy Science Center and ReSource (formerly *Recycle North*). He is an active member of his congregation, Christ Church Presbyterian, Burlington.

### Wes Sanders, VTIPL Vice President

In his work with VTIPL, Wes leads workshops and forms EcoTeams which use the workbook, *Low Carbon Diet: A 30 Day Program to Lose 5000 Pounds*. He also serves on the board of the Alliance for Climate Action. He is the founding Artistic Director of the Underground Railway Theater. Their latest eco-cabaret, *Beat the Heat* (written and directed by Wes), has toured Vermont elementary schools. Prior to working with the theater, Wes taught at Oberlin College for 11 years. He is a member of Burlington's Unitarian Universalist Society.

### Sam Swanson, VTIPL President

Sam is a Senior Policy Advisor at the Pace University Energy and Climate Center. He serves as Co-chair of the Vermont Clean Energy Development Board and also serves on Renewable Energy Vermont's Board of Directors. He has much expertise in climate change issues. Sam is a founding VTIPL member. He belongs to Ascension Lutheran Church in South Burlington and co-chairs their Care for Creation Committee.

### Ruah Swennerfelt, VTIPL Treasurer-in-training

Ruah is General Secretary of Quaker Earthcare Witness and is a longtime peace and environmental activist. In Charlotte, she's an active participant in their Transition Town group. Ruah is a founding member of VTIPL, and she has extensive training and experience in finances. As a longtime, active member of Burlington Friends Meeting, she has served them in many capacities. She and her husband live off the grid in Charlotte.