



## **Lake Champlain Watershed Action Cruise and Tutorial**

***Friday June 16, 2017  
9:30 - 4:00***

**Basin Harbor Club and  
Lake Champlain Maritime Museum**

**Sponsored by Ascension Lutheran Church  
A Watershed Discipleship Congregation**

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Centuries of exploitation and Climate Change threaten the quality of Vermont waters and, even our way of life. Imagine Vermont with streams, rivers and lakes degraded to the point where swimming, fishing, boating shoreline access have become hazardous. But we don't have to imagine, already some of our waters are so degraded that recreational activities have to be curtailed and property values near them are plummeting.

Recognizing that water is the Creator's gift to us, and that without it life is not possible, people of all faith communities understand that we are obligated to speak out, to advocate for just solutions.

This event will equip participants from diverse faith communities with the knowledge and resources to advocate for the Lake Champlain Watershed at the town, county and state level. Seminars led by those expert on the issues will address the problems and potential solutions regarding the value, health and repair of the watershed and all of Vermont's waters.

## Seminars

*Session 1:* Overview, what is the watershed? What does it look, smell, feel like? A morning cruise out of Basin Harbor and up Otter Creek led by a naturalist will help us connect.

*Session 2:* Why should clean water be a faith/spiritual issue?

*Session 3:* How does the watershed contribute to Vermont's economy and quality of life?

*Session 4:* What is threatening to degrade the "Vermont Brand"?

*Session 5:* What measures need to be taken right now to address these issues?

*Session 6:* How do we pay for them?

*Session 7:* How do we gather support in our towns, counties and legislature?

## Setting

The event will begin with a cruise out of Basin Harbor at the Basin Harbor Club and then move around the corner to the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum where a box lunch will be served and the rest of the presentations will occur in the auditorium in "Gateway". There will be time to explore the museum, its exhibits, grounds and historic boats.

## **Reservations**

*Reservations and payments are due by June 1*

Cost per person:.....\$25.00

includes cruise, lunch, museum admission and all presentations.(Note: group discounts available)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch choices: Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_

Send reservation form and payment to: **Ascension Lutheran Church**  
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