

June 18, 2013

Rev. Jay Sprout
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Dear Jay:

I'd like to offer you my sincere congratulations on being named the Northeast Kingdom Chamber's 2013 Citizen of the Year.

What strikes me most about your (long) list of accolades is the comment made by Chamber Director Darcie McCann that you have, quite literally, opened the doors of the North Congregational Church to the community. The qualities of bringing people together, welcoming diverse viewpoints, and extending invitations to those who need help are, I think, the hallmarks of a true leader. I thank you for providing such a strong example, for the last 31 years, of how successful that approach can be in creating a vibrant community.

Again, thank you for all you've done for Vermont, and congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

Sincerely,

Phil Scott