Bridging Capital Interview Ideas

Specific Groups / Contacts (loosely grouped)

- Sustainable Ag
 - Area beekeepers (Ross Conrad, Kirk Webster, Pedro Salas) and others working with pollinators (Charlotte who works at Middlebury College and her husband Francis)
 - NOFA-VT
 - Young organic farmers pioneering permaculture
 - Maine Farmland Trust and Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association
- Religious
 - o Retired Unitarian Minister--Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist--Johanna Nichols
 - Spirit In Nature
 - ICAN (Interfaith Climate Action Network)
 - Members of the Social Action Caring for Creation Committees at Ascension Lutheran Church
 - Rev. Dr Nancy Wright, pastor of Ascension and a life-long environmental and social activist
 - Western Priory
- Energy/Climate
 - o 350.org
 - VECAN
 - Members of the Bristol Energy Committee
 - Community groups focused on our energy future
- Groups that represent new/different perspectives
 - High school kids who take classes at the Hannaford Career Center
 - People who take classes at CCV
 - Rotary
 - Undocumented workers
 - The black community
 - Indigenous groups/people in VT
- Social/Environmental/Racial Justice oriented groups
 - O SURJ (Showing up for Racial Justice) leaders/members
 - o Hunger Free Vermont or the Addison County Hunger Council
- Multi-focus non-profits in VT
 - VPIRG
 - Rural Vermont (ruralvermont.org)
- Other / Unknown
 - o BRIDGES of Lincoln
 - Brattleboro Community TV
 - Board members of Addison County River Watch Collaborative
 - o Will Miller Chapter or the Green Mountain Veterans For Peace
 - Jane Beck--Folk Life Museum
 - Ret. Judge John Sessions--Vermont Federal Judge-Burlington, VT

Other Broad Categories mentioned

- Creative groups (e.g. music, literary)
- Hospice
- Environmental groups
- Business groups
- Activists for justice

Possible other groups not mentioned by survey respondents

- Vermont Interfaith Power and Light (George Lakey was the speaker at their fall conference)
- Capstone Community Action
- Vermonters for a New Economy
- Vermont Low Income Advocacy Council
- Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition
- Vermont Peace and Justice Center
- Rights and Democracy VT
- VT Climate and Health Alliance
- VT Youth Lobby
- <u>The Root Social Justice Center in Brattleboro</u> (organized the Black, Indigenous, and People of color (BIPOC) caucus)
- <u>Legislative sponsors of H.3</u> An act relating to ethic and social equity standards for public schools
- Possible conversations also around the <u>UN Sustainable Development Goals</u>