



### **Who we are:**

Solar Faithful helps congregations and faith-based nonprofits of all faith traditions and demographic groups play a meaningful role in addressing the climate crisis and participate in the just, clean-energy transition. We make it easy for organizations to deploy solar energy at no cost while saving money on their utility bills. At least half of our organizational participants will be, 1) Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (*BIPOC*), 2) low-income, and/or, 3) other-than-Christian.

### **Our vision:**

Solar Faithful envisions a world in which congregations and faith-based nonprofits are among the leaders of the just, clean-energy transition. After we are established in Michigan, we will scale up across the United States.

### **History:**

Solar Faithful was launched as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit by Chart House Energy, the Climate Witness Project, Michigan Interfaith Power & Light, and an interfaith group of climate activists in the Detroit area early in 2023.

### **Financing Options:**

1. Power Purchase Agreement (PPA):
  - No upfront cost for the congregation or nonprofit.
  - Solar array is owned by an investment group.
  - Participating organization signs a 25-year contract to purchase power generated by the solar array, with an initial rate 10% lower than what they are paying the utility.
  - Rate is guaranteed to remain lower than the utility.
  - Installation, operations, maintenance, and insurance are provided.
  - During the contract period, the solar array can be removed and replaced one time at no cost to the organization, should there be a need for roof repairs.
  
2. Direct Purchase:
  - Participating organization purchases the system using their funds or raising or borrowing the money. Solar Faithful can help to identify low-interest lenders.
  - Generally, this is the most financially advantageous choice for organizations over the course of the contract, but it entails more responsibility.
  
3. Congregation Supported Purchase:
  - This option is similar to Direct Purchase but it allows members of the organization to invest in the project by loaning part or all of the purchase amount and earning interest on the loan.

### **Current Participants (as/of 10/15/23):**

Faith Lutheran - Okemos  
Ferry Memorial Reformed - Montague  
The Refuge Christian Reformed - Grandville  
Greensky Hill Indian Methodist - Charlevoix

First Lutheran - Muskegon  
Trinity African Methodist Episcopal - Lansing  
World Renew - Byron Center

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