

Climate & Energy Engagement Opportunities

Interest Area	Environmental Justice Working Groups @ First Universalist	Faith Community (MUUSJA & MN Interfaith Power & Light)	Activist Non-Profit Efforts	"Best Practices" @ www.weatheringthestorm.net
Energy & Transportation Policy	Advocacy & Legislative Response: Focused on clean energy and jobs	MNIPL: Letter writing support of EPA's Clean Power Plant Plan, Clean Energy & Jobs MUUSJA: Clean Energy and Jobs Campaign	Sierra Club - North Star: Beyond Coal Campaign seeks phase-out of coal-fired power generation: also protecting EPA authority in Congress	Fresh Energy: Shape and drive realistic, visionary energy policies that benefit all
Climate Change Education & Advocacy	Climate & Environmental Education: Focused on intergenerational church learning about impact of climate change	MNIPL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate business, civic, & faith groups • Participated in People's Climate March in New York • "Be the Spark" Programming 	Citizens Climate Lobby: Educates elected officials & public via Op-Eds & Letters-to-editor MN350: Persuading shareholders to divest their holdings in fossil fuel	Will Steger Foundation: Educates & empowers educators & emerging leaders
Environmentally sustainable production, distribution, & use of fossil fuel	Eco-Spirituality: Focused on spiritually motivated engagement on issues Environmental & Racial Justice: Focused on highlighting this key link	MNIPL: Resisting pipe line expansion. in the Arrowhead & St. Peter's MUUSJA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tar sands/pipeline routing • Metallic Sulfide Mining 	MN350: Resisting pipeline start-ups & expansions (MN Public Utilities Commission); partnering with utilities to aid in conversion to renewables	Great Plains Institute: Transform the way we produce, distribute and use energy.
Energy Efficiency	Our Building, Our Institution: Focused on reducing energy usage in our church building & congregant homes	MNIPL: <u>Gold Certified Cool Congregations Award</u> that achieve significant bldg. carbon reductions MUUSJA: <u>Green Footprint</u> encourages home energy audits	Sierra Club - North Star: Scaling up energy-savings programs that work	EnerChange: Helping Non-profits implement efficiency improvements Summit Academy OIC: Weatherization technician training for a renewable future
Carbon Reduction		MNIPL: Lobbying for 30% decline in carbon emissions by 2030 MUUSJA: <u>Beyond Coal Campaign</u> encourages Excel to retire dirtiest MN coal plants	Citizens Climate Lobby: Enact carbon fee-and-dividend at State and National level	MN Energy Challenge: Take your computerized carbon footprint www.mnenergychallenge.org
Renewable Energy: Solar, Wind, Geothermal	Comm. Solar Garden Project: Lowers church & home electric costs	MNIPL: Invest in solar gardens for low income communities MUUSJA: Solar Garden Projects	Sierra Club - North Star: Promote Clean Energy & Jobs, which support renewables like wind & solar	