

Environmental Groups - First Universalist

Environmental Justice Community Solar Gardens:

- To educate and promote Community Solar Garden subscriptions for church and congregants
- In collaboration with MUUSJA Community Solar Garden Project to develop a joint UU Community Solar Garden for Twin City area UU churches

Scope of Participation:

- Contracting with a developer to create an off-site (not on church roof) solar garden for Twin City area UU churches
- No up-front investment required to subscribe, just monthly payments for service. Subscriber can terminate service at any time
- Planned Phase 1: Subscribe First Universalist administration for church solar electricity savings through monthly bill credits
- Planned Phase 2: Subscribe First Universalist congregants and friends for congregant residential solar electricity savings through monthly bill credits
- Program to include joining together with other Twin City UU Churches and congregations in a MUUSJA project to enable most favorable contract prices and terms
- UU Churches and congregants can subscribe separately and are not bound to participate in one Community Solar Garden

Key Focus:

- **Lower electricity costs** both church and resident with solar garden billing credits
- **Reduce carbon footprint** by millions of tons of CO2
- **Live out our seventh UU Principle** of “Respect for the interdependent web” by caring for our Earth home
- **Support First Universalist Environmental Justice** by making program participation available to low-income residents
- **Collaborate with other faith-based groups:** MUUSJA and Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light to coordinate participation, to leverage resources, to conduct education, and to maximize outreach

How to be involved, by:

- Attend upcoming Community Solar Garden presentations/meetings during Spring 2015 – meeting dates are to be announced
- Support First Universalist Church administration in joining a Community Solar Garden
- Subscribe to a Community Solar Garden for your individual benefits
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