

Environmental Groups - MUUSJA

Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance

- An organization of Minnesota's UUs who seek to change the world - and themselves - by acting on Unitarian Universalist values.

Scope of Participation:

- **Mission:** To unleash courageous leadership and collective power to build a just and loving world. Guided by our UU principles, we value: Acting with love for justice, Nurturing courageous leadership, Building collective power among UUs and beyond, Entering into accountable, collaborative partnerships with allied organizations & individuals, and Creating a multi-generational, inclusive community.
- **Membership:** 9 UU Congregations

Key Focus:

- **Community Solar Gardens:** Organizing meetings with several community solar garden developers to have a UU community solar garden that is supported by several UU churches subscribers and UU individuals subscribers.
- **Legislative Actions on Environmental Issues:** Encouraging members to support the Clean Energy and Jobs Campaign agenda which includes: increasing the Renewable Energy Standard to 40% by 2030, improving the yearly energy savings goal for utilities from 1.5% to 2%, and implementing policies that will grow renewable energy in Greater Minnesota
- **Green Footprint:** Developing events and programs that reduce individual energy consumption. Encouraging participants to record and improve their energy saving practices through the Minnesota Energy Challenge.
- **Tar sands/ pipelines:** Supporting MN350's work on stopping the Alberta Clipper pipeline expansion and stopping the proposed route of the new Sandpiper line.
- **Metallic Sulfide Mining:** Supporting various organizations that work on protecting our environment, workers, local communities, local economies, and valued water bodies from toxic metals and contaminants of metallic sulfide mining.
- **Beyond Coal Campaign:** Working with Sierra Club and MN350 to encourage Xcel through its energy resource plan to retire the dirtiest coal plants in Minnesota, and to invest more in renewable energy and energy efficiency programs.

How to be involved:

- **Community Solar Gardens:** Contact Mary Ann Lundquist at Community Solar Gardens maryann@mtn.org or Bill Elwood at First Universalist wkelwood@aol.com
- **Legislative Actions on Environmental Issues:** To sign an email letter to your legislator, go to <http://www.cleanenergyjobs.mn> and go to Take Action. For more information, Contact Cecelia Newton at First Universalist newton.cecelia@gmail.com
- **Green Footprint:** Contact Mary Ann Lundquist at maryann@mtn.org or Carol Johnson at First Universalist cjkjohnson@peoplepc.com
- **Tar sands/Pipelines:** Contact Marcy Leussler at mleussler@hotmail.com
- **Metallic Sulfide Mining:** Contact Wendy Jerome at jerom013@gmail.com
- **Beyond Coal Campaign:** Contact Nancy Miller at Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Campaign nancy.miller@prodigy.net