



## Workshop Summary

### Solar Infrastructure on Faith Buildings & Properties:

#### The Nine-Step Plan

##### *Why Faith Communities?*

Most people of faith have moral teachings regarding care for our common home—the Earth—and care for the least among us—the poor and marginalized. By reducing our carbon footprint at our places of worship with solar energy, we care for both through stabilizing our shared climate. Together, with other people of goodwill, we can take action to ensure a vibrant future for people and planet.

##### *Step #1: Start Small*

Recycling, composting, community garden, green groups, etc.

##### *Step #2: Host a Forum*

Gain community input; identify interested members

##### *Step #3: Form a Committee*

Seek those with different gifts; doers, elders, youth, council/officers

##### *Step #4: Apply for Grants*

Levels- local, state, national, institutional; areas- solar, renewables, stewardship, creation care

##### *Step #5: Decide on Installer*

Weigh the cost, experience, relationship

##### *Step #6: Choose Financing Option(s)*

Fundraise, Limited Liability Company (LLC), Loan, Community Solar

##### *Step #7: Install Solar Infrastructure*

Blessing, celebrate, educate

##### *Step #8: Promote Project*

Coffee hour, display energy savings/carbon reductions

##### *Step #9: Walk with Others*

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