EESI Briefing: Funding Opportunities for Faith

Communities

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Our religious response to climate change

• IPL DMV works with hundreds of congregations of all faiths across Maryland, DC, and Northern Virginia to save energy, go green, and respond to climate change.

- Learning
- Going Green
- Taking Action



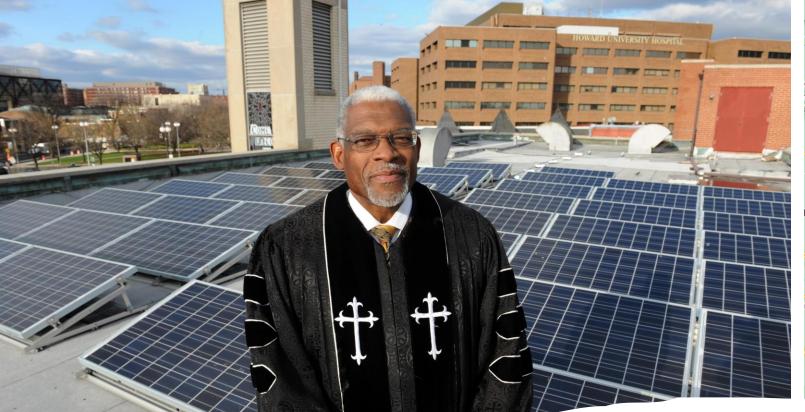
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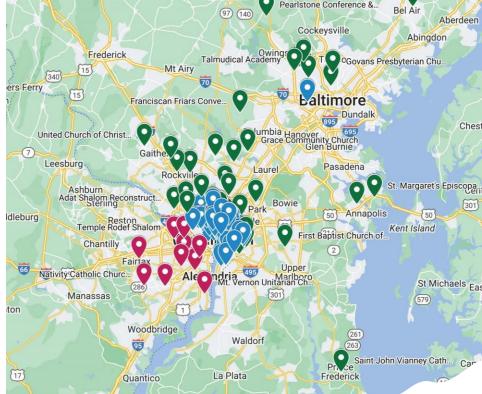




Educate and Advocate

- Solar Shepards Program
- Solar and Climate Justice Workshops
- Green Ministries
- Technical Assistance for Houses of Worship
- Native Plant Program
- Community Science
 - Gas Stove Testing
 - Air Quality Monitoring
- Climate Resilience Projects





IRA Funding Makes Solar More Possible for Congregations

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New IRA Programs for Faith Communities

- Direct Pay Tax Incentives
 - Solar, Storage, EV, and Electric Cars
- State and Local Rebates
 - Prioritize LMI residents
- Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program (EJ TCTAC)
- Climate Corps Fellowship Program for Youth

IRA Funding Opportunities for Faith Communities

EPA Community Change grants

 Expand our Native Plants, BEPS support, and Beyond Gas programs

EPA's Region 3 Thriving Communities Grantmaker

• Green and Healthy Homes Initiative

Green Bank Lending

• Montgomery County Green Bank, Climate Access Fund, and Maryland Clean Energy Center, DC Green Bank

Solar For All Partnership in DC

• Single and community solar, Up to 50% savings for LMI residents

Innovative Local/State Programs

DC Healthy Homes Act	 Leveraging IRA money to prioritize low- income residents
MD Warmth Act – Neighborhood Geothermal District pilot	 Will benefit from the IRA incentives
Montgomery County Electrification Pilot Program	 Will Use IRA Funding/rebates for Retrofit

Examples of Congregations using Direct Pay





<u>Beth Sholom Congregation</u> in Frederick, MD Completed in 2024 <u>Fallston United Methodist Church</u> in Hartford County

Completed in 2023



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