

# Faith in Solar

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Ms. Lynn Good, President & CEO  
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550 South Tryon Street  
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*Subject: Requesting a meeting to discuss a new partnership*

Dear Ms. Good,

We, the undersigned leaders of North Carolina faith communities, request your assistance in creating a unique and cooperative partnership that would enable North Carolina's faith-based organizations to adopt solar power in a way that also benefits Duke Energy, its customers and all North Carolinians.

In this time of enormous challenges, we feel that this partnership is urgently needed. Earth Care and stewardship are an integral part of our purpose, and climate scientists' increasingly dire warnings require that we contribute as much as possible, as quickly as possible, to help solve the climate crisis.

As faith leaders we may not have unlimited financial resources, but we do have houses of faith with roof space and parking lots, and we have the eagerness to install solar power. We are at a disadvantage compared to for-profit businesses because we cannot utilize Federal tax incentives and have difficulty affording systems due to the significant upfront cost.

It is in this regard that we have been working intensively with NC WARN and technical experts, and we would like to sit down with you to discuss some ideas that we have developed for this partnership.

This collaboration will benefit all parties. It will allow faith organizations to acquire solar photovoltaic systems, save money on their electric bills and make a meaningful contribution to slowing climate change while there is still time. It will

earn Duke Energy significant goodwill, provide valuable generation capacity and help you satisfy your renewable energy requirements under state law. It will benefit Duke Energy employees, many of whom belong to congregations eager to go solar. And it will benefit other Duke Energy customers by greening their energy mix and reducing the need for rate increases to build expensive fossil-fuel power plants. It will also improve the state economy by creating jobs in North Carolina's once growing solar industry.

Imagine the public support that Duke Energy will enjoy for enacting such a positive program that will help in so many ways!

In addition to the advantages listed above, we believe this program will be the beginning of a new, cooperative relationship among all parties who are dedicated to providing North Carolinians with good stewardship, a stable economy and clean, affordable power.

We believe that NC WARN, in particular, is eager to move past contention and seize an opportunity for positive collaboration at this very important time.

We would like to meet with you in Charlotte during the week of May 22 to discuss our ideas for this new collaboration. Please contact me about this at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney S. Sadler, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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