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Subject: Invitation to all groups using the facilities of our church

Our church has what is called a Green Team, which is dedicated to the exploration and implementation of ways we can be more environmentally healthy in our operations. It is no secret that a building of this size requires much energy to maintain lights and heat — and that much of the energy we use comes from pollution-emitting sources. We would like to do our part to help reduce our carbon footprint — and one step we are pursuing is **adding solar panels to our rooftop.** 

The Green Team is in the process of collecting pledges to offset the cost of installing those solar panels. This process currently includes application for a grant from NorthWestern Energy as well as soliciting pledges from all entities using our building, including our congregational members and the nonprofit organizations which habitually share the space. We are trying to raise enough money to purchase 80 solar panels at \$250 a piece.

Should your organization be willing to pledge a financial contribution towards the purchase of a solar panel (or part of one), you may do so with the knowledge that this investment is projected to save the church 90% in monthly energy costs which would otherwise rely upon the burning of fossil fuels.

Please note: THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT OR EXPECTATION FOR ALL GROUPS TO ENGAGE IN THIS PROJECT; but we have heard from several great interest in this project, and an affirmation that they would like to support what we are up to. We would love to have you share in our efforts to reduce our impact upon the environment!

Please contact either of the individuals below to pledge your support for this endeavor. Thank you for considering this way of helping our world!

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