

The Green Corner: Feb 2018

Join the Clean Green Energy movement!

Inspired by Helene and Sarah of Clean Energy Advocates, some of the Marin Interfaith Climate Action members have taken on the challenge to ask their own houses of worship to convert to 100% green energy through Marin Clean Energy's Deep Green program.

Marin Interfaith Climate Action (MICA) includes individuals from 13 faith communities who are agents for climate justice. MICA's vision is a world in which human activities foster climate justice and ecosystems sustainability. We educate, advocate and collaborate to address climate change through meaningful action. [Click here](#) for more details. For additional information or to join, please e-mail Rev. Scott Quinn at director@marinifc.org.

Did you know all of Marin County's municipalities have gone Deep Green? **We are the first county in the state to do so.** Together, all 12 municipalities have eliminated an estimated 3,570 metric tons of pollution, or the EPA equivalent of "removing 764 cars from the road in one year."

For more information about the impact of all local government operations in Marin going 100% renewable electricity, Deep Green, see Marin Clean Energy (MCE)'s newsletter/press release [HERE](#).

First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo is ahead of the curve and has been Deep Green for several years! Bravo!

Westminster Presbyterian Church purchased their church's electricity from MCE and recently chose to switch from the partial green to the Deep Green option. The switch cost less than 5% of their bill to have all of their electricity supplied from green sources, and eliminated their electricity-related carbon footprint. Their carbon reduction is about the amount of taking one average car off the road for an entire year. They have added it to their budget for 2018.

First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael (FPCSR) is in the process of converting. They are estimated to eliminate **14 metric tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere per year!**

Ralph Purdy from FPCSR said, “Going Deep Green with MCE is really very easy. You simply go on the MCE website with your electricity account number and fill out the application for deep green. The cost of going Deep Green, compared to Light Green, is quite small. You simply add 5% of the cost you are currently paying for electricity to calculate the new electric bill. When we switch to Deep Green, we will go from 14 metric tons generated per year, to zero carbon dioxide. By the way, 14 metric tons of CO2 is equivalent to 34,000 miles driven by the average passenger vehicle.”

The cost is approximately 3-5% more to the energy bill but the carbon savings to the earth are huge. For average household residents your bill only increases about \$4 per month.

Feel free to call MCE at 1 (888) 632-3674 for more information or if want a precise calculation for your congregation or agency or visit [#OptUp](#).

MCE has also just launched a campaign for residents as part of a community to work together to enroll themselves as a team in Deep Green called Living Lightly. For more information, click [HERE](#).

I personally switched to Deep Green 6 months ago for my apartment utilities. It’s such an easy way to make a difference.

We are so fortunate to have clean energy advocates here in Marin County! Let’s make whatever difference we can to help our mother earth. It may seem like a small step but when many take the step together, it adds up.

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