ILLINOIS COMMUNITY SOLAR

POSSIBLE LETTER TO CONGREGATION

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Can’t put solar panels on your home?

Want to learn about the fastest-growing energy source to replace fossil fuels?

Are you part of a congregation or non-profit eager to explore solar energy for your organization?

Want to join a community strategy to address climate change, and save money at the same time?

All Illinois residents and organizations who get a ComEd electric bill are now able to join a local Community Solar project. By subscribing to a Community Solar project, you support the development of new solar energy generation in Illinois, with no upfront investment. And, now that solar power is the lowest-cost and fastest-growing source of electrical energy, you will be able to reduce your monthly electric bill.

Before learning about specific solar providers, you may want to gather some background information. To learn about Community Solar in general, the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) has a very helpful web page: [https://www.citizensutilityboard.org/solar-in-the-community/](about:blank) You can also do a Google search on “Community Solar in Illinois.”

Interfaith Green Network has done preliminary investigation of three Community Solar suppliers. For organizations such as congregations and non-profits, Nexamp is the supplier with the most straightforward procedures. For individuals, Nexamp and Clearway offer slightly different proposals; you can investigate the different proposals on the company web sites:

* To learn more about Nexamp Community Solar: [https://illinois.nexamp.com/](about:blank)
* To learn more about Clearway Community Solar:   
   [https://www.clearwaycommunitysolar.com/lp/illinois-ppc-general/?gclid=CjwKCAjwlbr8BRA0EiwAnt4MTnlsh\_oiDcg2yDroQp2DAXjJFnCi4x4X-oCs2dqTKi1-IDcU\_QfDoRoCRJIQAvD\_BwE](about:blank)

There are frequent informative webinars about different aspects of Community Solar. Sometimes you can find these with a Google search. If not, check with your congregation’s Green Team.

We hope you will find, as we have, that the growth of Community Solar in Illinois is the biggest single opportunity for individuals to address climate change in 2020!