# **SWITCH TO CLEAN, RENEWABLE POWER**



# An invitation from the St. Matthew's Creation Care Green Team

This information was generously shared with us by the Green Team at Holy Trinity

We invite you to "go green" by purchasing your electricity from renewable sources. Fortunately, if you live in DC, MD or No.VA there are options available for you. You can:

- Switch your Electricity provider to a renewable source.
- Purchase offsets to your carbon production.

Before you make the leap to a greener 2021, please consider these important factors:

- Shop carefully for 100% green-e certified wind energy credits,
- Purchase a \*fixed-rate\* contract where they cannot raise the price.
- Be vigilant about your contract end date (lest they \*renew\* you at a higher rate without your noticing).

#### **District of Columbia**

DC makes it relatively easy to Go Green:

How to Sign up for Green Energy in DC if your Utility Company is Pepco.

## **Maryland**

MD makes it a little more challenging, but do-able. Find green-e certified suppliers for Maryland here.

Also, most Marylanders who pay an energy bill can <u>subscribe</u> to community solar projects through Neighborhood Sun.

### **Virginia**

Many Holy Trinity Green Team members who live in Virginia switched to <u>Arcadia</u> and now power their homes with renewable energy from a wind or solar farm. <u>Virginia Dominion Electric</u> also has programs which allow homeowners to purchase renewable energy offsets.

"There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced, for example, substituting for fossil fuels and developing sources of renewable energy." (Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 26)