

Welcome to Project HOW

A renewable energy & resilience initiative for faith communities

What is Project HOW?

Project HOW, led by our *Cool Congregations* committee, has grown out of their years of work supporting faith communities transitioning to renewables. **Project HOW** offers hands-on, wraparound support to faith communities—and others—to transition their facilities from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

We call it **Project HOW** for its focus on houses of worship and because “how” questions invite us into meaningful action: How can we come together to address climate change now? How can we deepen solidarity with those most vulnerable to climate impacts? How...? How...? How...?

We connect congregations with the full spectrum of resources required to finance, plan, and implement their switch to renewable energy and become living demonstration sites—visible hubs of hope and stability.



How can we as people of faith lead the way in care for Creation?

Why it matters

Caring for the natural world is central to spiritual life and social justice. Because we love life and our sacred earth, **Project HOW** is rooted in moral urgency and practical action. As the climate crisis accelerates, faith communities have a unique calling: to lead with courage, compassion, and resilience—showing what’s possible for a healthier, more just world.



Responding to the Climate Crisis

With national initiatives under attack, it’s easy to lose heart. **Project HOW** equips faith communities to rise to the moment—showing moral courage and taking visible action.



Transitioning to Renewable Energy

Moving to renewables cuts harmful emissions, saves money over time, and affirms our commitment to a just and sustainable future.



Compassion in Action

Those most vulnerable bear the greatest climate burdens. Faith communities can be pillars of hope—offering shelter, power, and support when it’s needed most.

Who is involved?

- The HOW Team: project managers, technical experts, installation professionals, and financial resources for renewable energy projects
- Houses of worship already taking action
- 80+ covenant partners



Interfaith Power & Light
New Mexico & El Paso Region

HOW can you take action?

Practical pathways for renewable energy and resilience

Each faith community can choose its own pathway to renewable energy and resilience based on their priorities and resources. Actions can be taken in any combination, in any order, or even individually:



Conduct an Energy Audit

We will provide you with a free energy audit, site assessment, and customized plan.



Adopt Solar Power

Solar provides renewable energy and lowers utility bills. Financing options include:

- Direct ownership
- Leasing
- Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)



Improve Energy Efficiency

Upgrade insulation, windows, HVAC, and lighting to cut costs and emissions.



Solar + Battery Storage = Resilience

Solar paired with storage:

- Keeps lights on during outages
- Powers medical devices, refrigeration, and communications
- Lays the foundation for Resilience Hubs



Electrify Your Building

Replace gas or fuel systems with efficient electric alternatives:

- Heat pumps for heating & cooling
- Induction stoves
- Electric water heaters
- EV charging stations



Become a Community Resilience Hub

With solar + battery storage, congregations can be safe, powered havens during emergencies—serving as cooling/warming centers, charging stations, and places of refuge.

Start your HOW journey today

- Free site assessment
- Custom plan and financing options
- Help from the HOW Team

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