

Steps to Solar

1. Get the Pastor, Minister and/or Church Officials on board.
2. Pick a Project Leader
3. Proposals – at least two.
4. Roof Inspection - \$500 in 2015 and more today, depends on the roof size. The utility company can suggest an inspector and help with the permitting and interconnection agreements as you go forward
5. Insurance - There was no additional cost to install solar panels on the roof – we got this in writing. For Duke Energy we needed a certificate stating liability coverage of \$500,000 per occurrence.
6. Have a team meeting – discuss roll-out and fund-raising. Pick two people to work with as your advisors when things come up.



7. For financing in 2015 we used Senate Bill 3 of 2007 - anyone could donate any amount to a non-profit and get a 35% NC tax credit and a 30% federal tax credit for equipment installed prior to 1/1/16. This law has expired. In 2020 there is a 26% federal tax credit, no NC tax credit – but Duke Energy offers rebates for non-profits, homes, and businesses. To calculate yours: <https://bluehorizonsproject.com/>

ST. EUGENE SOLAR PANELS - SAN EUGENIO PANELES SOLARES

IMPORTANT: Make the check out to St. Eugene Parish and note that it is for "SOLAR PANELS". Please fill in your name and address so that we can send you a receipt. Drop in the collection basket.

IMPORTANT: Haga el cheque a nombre de Parroquia San Eugenio y anote en el concepto "PANELES SOLARES". Por favor escriba su nombre y dirección para que podamos enviarle un recibo. Déjelo caer en la cisterna de las ofrendas.

Envelope # _____

Name/Nombre _____

Address/Dirección _____

City/State/Zip/Ciudad Estado Código Postal _____

Email _____

\$1,000 buys a panel compra un panel
 includes installation cost / incluye costo de instalación
 \$500 half panel / medio panel
 \$250 quarter-panel / un cuarto de panel
 Other / Otro Thank you! Gracias!

8. Create a donation envelope.
9. Have a spoken announcement and bulletin insert the week before you announce.
10. Solar Sunday – bring a panel for your announcement.

11. Setup a display table with photos and a thermometer to show progress.
12. Fund-raising tip: Always speak of % attained not \$'s.
13. Send out Press Announcements – Asheville Citizen-Times, Mountain Express, WNC Woman, NC Interfaith Power and Light.



14. Keep your project in front of people – many other things are asking for their time and money. Marketing Tip: Let people sign their names, kids, grandparents on the back of panels, number the panels, and place them where they are easily seen on the roof.
15. Install with a **Green Ribbon Ceremony**. Invite elected officials and everyone. Flip the switch and Take Care of Creation (Gen 1:28) and spread the Solar Word.

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