June 6, 2023

Mr. Paul Eichelberger, Conference Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer
Rev. Sheridan Allmond, Chair of Conference Trustees
Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church
11711 E. Market Place, Fulton, MD 20759

Dear Mr. Eichelberger and Rev. Allmond,

The Creation Care Advocacy and Action Team wants to help the BWC save money and reduce its carbon footprint. Neighborhood Sun is a non-profit, B corporation implementing the state-sponsored Community Solar program in Maryland. As customers of BGE in zip code 20759, the BWC Mission Center and the Bishop's Residence are eligible to select Neighborhood Sun as their electrical energy supplier. By doing so, each would receive its power from a new solar farm in Jessup at a savings of 7-10% compared to BGE supplier price per kwh. The website states: "Jessup Community Solar Farm is currently under construction. It's expected to be connected to the grid and generating credits for subscribers this summer!" Full details and easy online application are at the company website: https://ns.solarforall.io/signup_projectlist.cfm?card_type_detail=true&project_id_search=61

We ask that you and all the Trustees prayerfully consider this easy way to save money and to help save the planet. Scientists estimate that unless fossil fuel emissions are cut in half by 2030 and eliminated by 2050, the climate is on course for catastrophic warming.

The BWC is already on the forefront of many social issues, including creation care. We encourage you to take this next step in greening the Conference. Members of our team are already signed up for Neighborhood Sun and would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Thank you for all that you do for the kingdom. Please let me know how we can support you in taking this next step.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Katie Saari
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