

## Albany Presbytery Peacemaking Task Force

The Peacemaking Task Force has set 3 goals for this year.

### **#1. Select books to suggest for all of Presbytery to read and discuss on climate change and racism.**

We have selected:

*Climate Church, Climate World - How People of Faith Must Work For Change*, written by Jim Antal.  
*Clean and White – A History of Environmental Racism in the United States* written by Carl A. Zimring.  
*Waste: One Woman's Fight Against America's Dirty Secret* (2020) by Catherine Coleman Flowers.  
*Being the Change*, (2017) by Peter Kalmus.

Our reviews of these books were made available through the e-news and will be added to the Peacemaking page of the Presbytery Website.

### **#2. 100% church participation in yearly Presbytery wide challenges for congregations to increase their role in earth care.**

2021 Challenge is for churches to increase their use of clean energy! Even if your church isn't built for solar you still have great options!!

For additional information you can visit <https://www.solarizealbany.org/> or contact them at [solarizealbany@gmail.com](mailto:solarizealbany@gmail.com)  
518-328-4SUN

### About Solarize Albany

Solarize Albany is a local nonprofit serving the communities of the Capital Region, run solely by volunteers. We promote the use of renewable energy with you, the consumer, in mind. Our goal is to provide you with knowledge of how renewable energies will benefit your life and lower cost options through our bulk purchase model. Explore our current projects now. Solarize Albany serves the following counties: Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington



Peacemaking Task Force members are also happy to help your church with this process. Feel free to contact us at [Elizbeth1226@yahoo.com](mailto:Elizbeth1226@yahoo.com).

(Presentation and short video at 3/16 Presbytery meeting.)

**#3. Advocacy-** Now that the COVID Relief bill has passed the current administration has plans to focus on Climate Change concerns. Please let your elected officials know that you believe earthcare is a moral and theological imperative!