

From Individual Efforts to Community Action

How Christ the Servant's Sustainability Values Became Part of its Identity



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CTS Volunteers Set Sustainability Priorities

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church (CTS) is a primarily volunteer-run, non-profit organization that supports how its members choose to serve the community. "Our sustainability programs were really community-driven," said Pastor Stephanie Lord. "A group of volunteers interested in resource use led our efforts and involved our community in the process."

CTS set their sustainability priorities around their land and building use, focusing on energy efficiency, water conservation, and waste diversion.

When CTS first connected with Partners for a Clean Environment (PACE), they had already installed their 122-panel solar array, which offsets 100% of their energy costs. "We were starting to look at our water usage, so PACE provided the contact for the irrigation audit and made other suggestions for upgrading to LED lighting and programmable thermostats," said Lord.

Support & Advocacy from Green Business Program

CTS was already demonstrating environmental leadership when the Louisville Green Business Program kicked off in 2016. Matt Hannon, Business Sustainability Advisor at PACE, said, "CTS's large solar array and efficiency upgrades made them a poster child for what green businesses can look like in Louisville."

"It was very easy to interface with the [GreenBiz Tracker] reporting form," said Lord. "Matt helped walk us through our initial form and approached it from a place of support and advocacy. It was very affirming."

CTS's partnership with the Green Business Program also aided in furthering their green initiatives. CTS sought to reduce and divert waste at events hosted at the church by implementing a recycling and composting program and replacing disposable plates, cups, and utensils with reusable and compostable alternatives. "Matt provided educational recycling and composting signage and bins, which helped make that transition accessible," added Lord.

Embracing Sustainability as a Core Value

CTS's commitment to sustainability has become engrained within their organization through proactive programs and frequent conversations among the congregation. Of CTS's participation in the Louisville Green Business Program, Lord said, "This recognition has emboldened folks to see responsible resource use as part of our identity and make suggestions for ways we can improve. It has also been an opportunity to share our values and feel connected to the wider Louisville community."

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH



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2019 Platinum Green Business

PACE Certified

in energy efficiency, water efficiency, and waste diversion

122 solar panels

offset 100% of energy costs

3.2-acre property

managed with efficient irrigation practices

Zero Waste events

include reusable dinnerware and diversion of recyclables and compost



Zero-waste pancake breakfast at CTS