



The Texas Clean Energy Coalition

energy justice

Too often, the energy debate leaves out the most important part of the equation: people! The energy justice perspective outlines a people-centered strategy for considering our energy choices:

Equity: Providing equal opportunity for all individuals to access affordable energy

Environmental Health: Preserving the creation and its resources for future generations, and protecting human health by reducing exposure to harmful byproducts of energy production

Inclusion: Integrating marginalized communities in planning and development of future energy infrastructure, and using energy challenges to encourage jobs and access to a new and evolving marketplace

Clean energy and efficiency can create jobs and economic growth to benefit all Texans.

Even moderate increases in clean energy capacity and energy efficiency (9,000 MW of new clean energy by 2020 and a 10% smaller electricity demand by 2020) result in:

- 83,000-88,000 new jobs for Texans
- \$15 billion boost to the state economy
- Nearly \$1 billion in new state/local tax revenues

Responding to the economic opportunities for Texas in the clean energy economy, The Texas Clean Energy Coalition has launched an effort to identify and recruit new leadership voices, including faith-based organizations, to speak out on clean energy, energy efficiency and Texas' energy leadership for the long term.

Texas Impact and the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission serve as the faith-based organizational leadership for the Coalition.

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Lone Star Stewards

Building Faith in Texas' Clean Energy Future



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blessed with energy



We are exceptionally good in this state at taking the rich gifts that God has given us and making a little money turning them into something we can use.

Former Texas Public Utility Commissioner Pat Wood

We all use energy in our personal lives, work lives and faith lives. Energy from natural resources God created helps us grow food, heal the sick, teach our children and worship our Creator.

But our use of energy too often comes at a cost to God's planet and people. Our dependence on fossil fuel-based energy, such as coal and oil, threatens our economy, public health, and security.

We can do better. God has provided all kinds of energy through every part of the creation: the sun, the wind, plants, and even the tides themselves.

Texas has been an energy leader for more than a century. Now it's time for us to lead the U.S. and the world into a clean, secure energy future.

Texas currently leads the nation in power generated from wind with over 28% of all wind production in the U.S.

Lone Star Stewards:

A Unique Opportunity For Texas Faith Leaders

Become a Lone Star Steward!

Join other Texas clergy and lay leaders in this unique program that combines spiritual reflection and interfaith discussion with up-to-the-minute scientific and policy information about Texas' energy position—where we are, where we're heading, and what the stakes are for our health and economy.

Attend **one, two, or all three** Lone Star Stewards events: *Event participation is FREE and open to the public*

McKinney Roughs, Bastrop

August 30, 2010

11:00 am - 4:30 pm

(light breakfast & lunch provided)

Brite Divinity School, Ft. Worth

September 27, 2010

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

(lunch & snack provided)

**Co-sponsored by Brite Divinity School of TCU*

Indian Lodge, Ft. Davis

October 25-27, 2010

(Space is limited. Food & lodging provided; travel expenses may qualify for reimbursement)

**Includes Star Party at the McDonald Observatory*

Register for Lone Star Stewards at

www.texasimpact.org/lonestarsewars

or by phone at 512-472-3903.

For more information, call 512-472-3903 or email amanda@texasimpact.org

All Lone Star Stewards events are eligible for clergy CEUs through either Brite Divinity School or Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

What is clean energy?

Clean energy balances environmental stewardship with the reality of increased energy demand and the need for energy independence.

Clean energy solutions include:

- *Diverse, renewable energy sources*
- *Conservation and efficiency in energy use*
- *Reduced negative environmental effects such as air and water pollution*

Renewable energy sources include solar power, wind power, fuel cells, biofuels, geothermal power and hydropower.

Conservation and efficiency play an important role in controlling the demand for energy and keeping homeowners' energy bills down.

85%

of polled Texans believe Texas should increase the production and use of renewable energy sources like wind and solar power.

79%

of polled Texans support financial incentives, such as loans, subsidies and temporary tax reductions to recruit renewable energy businesses and associated jobs to Texas.