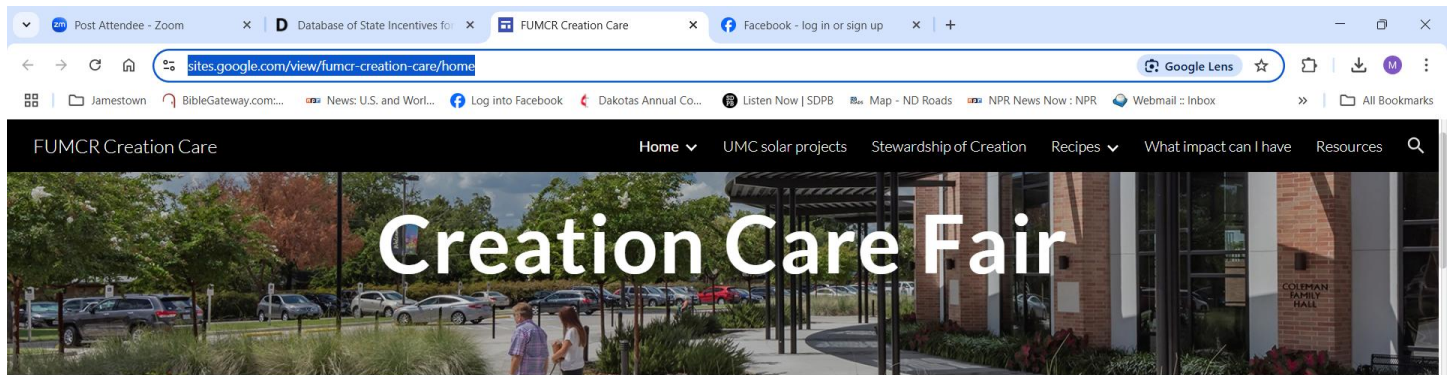
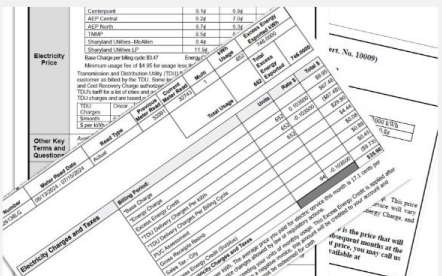


02-26-2025 Green Teams leaders discussion

From Chris Guldi - Creation Care Fair <https://sites.google.com/view/fumcr-creation-care/home>



Thanks to all who took part in our September 22, 2024, Creation Care Fair





How to Read Your Electric Bill

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Related links:

- <https://www.powertochoose.org/en-us>
- https://www.puc.texas.gov/consumer/electricity/bill_e.aspx
- <https://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/electric/rates/facts/facts.aspx> EFL


From Eric Walker: <https://www.dsireusa.org/>



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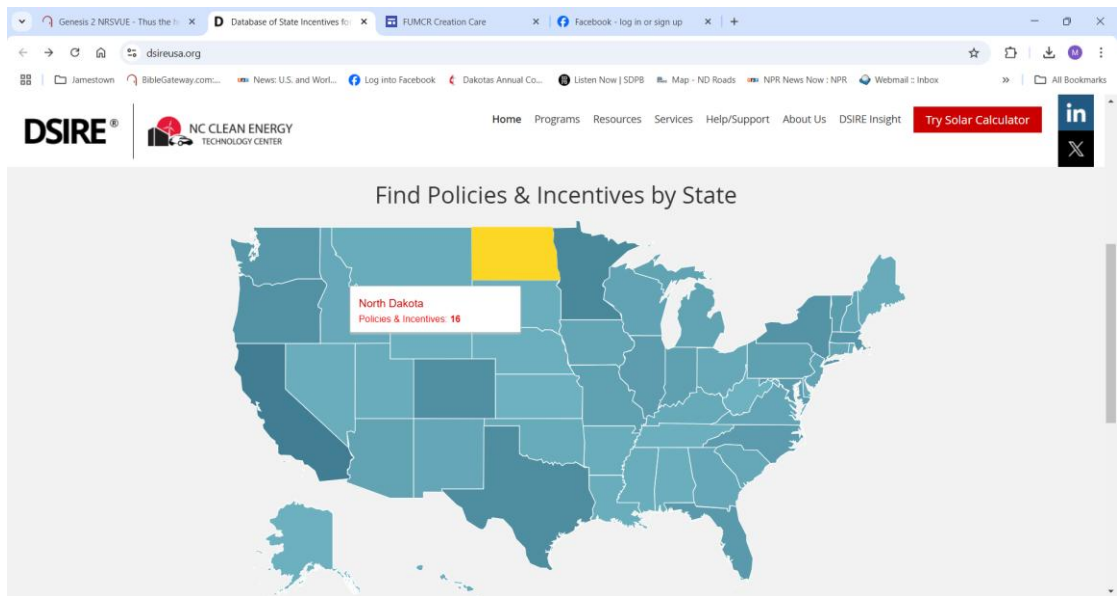
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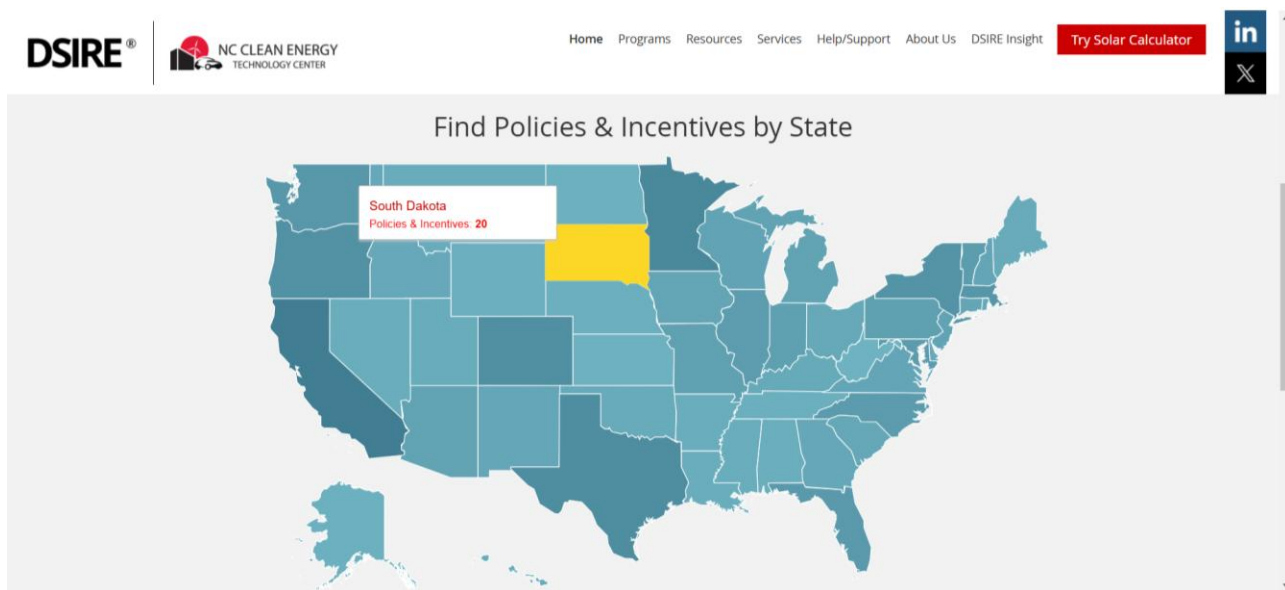
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Business Energy Efficiency Rebates (Offered by 5 Utilities)	ND	Financial Incentive	Rebate Program	02/03/2012	02/20/2025
Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Electrical Generating Facilities	ND	Financial Incentive	Sales Tax Incentive	09/01/2011	12/09/2024
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Sales Tax Exemption for Hydrogen Generation Facilities	ND	Financial Incentive	Sales Tax Incentive	09/01/2011	12/04/2024
Renewable and Recycled Energy Objective	ND	Regulatory Policy	Renewables Portfolio Standard	08/24/2007	11/26/2024
Renewable Energy Property Tax Exemption	ND	Financial Incentive	Property Tax Incentive	01/01/2000	10/28/2024



Ideas worth saving:

- Heat pumps in churches (more than LED lighting)
- Grants from AC to local churches in support of new Green Teams
- Creation Care Fair with plant based meal served on non-disposable tableware
- Earth Day Sunday Liturgy see www.umcreationjustice.org for resources that go through the entire liturgical year and for Green Teams
- Intersectionality of:
 - o Creation care
 - o Climate justice
 - o Environmental stewardship
 - o Anti-racism
 - o Spirituality
 - o Evangelism
 - o Discipleship
- Creation care is multidimensional and takes time to grow – seems slow
- Pastors create and foster the “spiritual environment” of a local church
- Help churches measure their carbon footprint
- First commandment of God in the Bible is “tend my garden” Genesis 2:15
- Good Samaritan story – to love your neighbor – those who are vulnerable
 - o Mercy is immediate – care for the injury
 - o Justice is necessary, too – prevent further harm
- Moses found himself standing on holy ground and God promised to “be with him” in the commission he received
- I Cor 3:6, Paul planted, Apollos watered and God gave the growth
- Green Discipleship – the biblical foundations of Creation Care
- Send Survey report to Mel Caraway, Crys Zinkiewicz, Grace Pugh Hubbard, Eric Walker (who has results of a survey of churches in the Pacific Northwest Conference)