



ENERGY STAR® Pennsylvania Stewardship Tour

**Hosted by the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary,
Christian Associates of SWPA, and Clean Air Council, SWPA
September 25, 7:00-9:30pm at The Seminary
616 Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, John Knox Room**

Virtually every faith tradition teaches stewardship: Out of gratitude and appreciation for what we have been given, we are taught to make wise use of gifts and assets such as financial and natural resources, the time and talents of congregation members, and the house of worship, itself, in ways that are responsible and accountable.

- However, like most U.S. commercial buildings, ***the typical worship facility wastes about 30 percent of the energy for which its congregants pay.***

No-cost efficiency actions and careful investments can earn substantial savings to be returned to the mission of the congregation. *What could your congregation do with funds equivalent to 30 percent of your annual energy bill?* Also, while saving money, the pollution related to this wasted energy will be reduced—pollution that impacts human life and health. Further, natural resources will be conserved for our children and generations to come.

ENERGY STAR is the nation's voluntary program helping congregations, businesses, schools, homeowners, and tenants save energy and water—and therefore money.

Local Pennsylvania faith communities are hosting ENERGY STAR presentations on tools, training, and technical support freely available at www.energystar.gov/congregations.

- **TOOLS:**

- *Action Workbook for Congregations* (PDF) for savings facts and strategies, action lists, no-cost/low-cost “Sure Savers” and more

- Free, online *Portfolio Manager*® tool for tracking energy, water savings, and recycling/material management, and the resulting pollution prevention at

www.energystar.gov/benchmark



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- **TRAINING:**

- Live and recorded webinars, FAQs, fact sheets, short videos, at www.energystar.gov/buildings/training

- **TECHNICAL SUPPORT:**

- ENERGY STAR Help Desk at www.energystar.gov/buildings/help

- **JOIN ENERGY STAR:**

- Learn how your congregation can be an ENERGY STAR partner at no cost or obligation at www.energystar.gov/joinbuildings

The public is invited to attend this event but faith communities are especially encouraged to send board members and up to five members of your congregations so you can capture this exciting event and save money for your congregation.

Please register by emailing or calling Dave Smith at dsmith@cleanair.org or 412-954-8494