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## FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH Solar PV Installation a Witness to CREATION CARE

In 2013 First Mennonite Church celebrated its 200th ANNIVERSARY and as a commemorative project and witness to its concern and commitment to CREATION CARE, installed a 10kW Solar PV system as a GREEN, renewable, clean, sustainable energy source, reducing carbon production and damage to the environment.



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Much of the First Mennonite Solar City 10kW solar PV array as viewed from the cemetery side of the building, 800 King St. E. in Kitchener. View system generation [HERE](#).



First Mennonite participated in a project called SOLAR CITY, a joint program involving Community Renewable Energy Waterloo (CREW) as project coordinator, Mennonite Central Committee Ontario and Greening Sacred Spaces Waterloo Region with funding support from the City of Kitchener. The intent of the program is to encourage faith communities, and their members, individually and corporately, within the City of Kitchener to conserve, green their facilities and to install a solar PV system as a sustainable, renewable energy source to demonstrate/be a public witness to their commitment to being GREEN and practicing CREATION CARE. Upon completion a grant is provided by the City of Kitchener from its Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF) toward the capital cost of installing the solar PV system.

The 10kW system uses Heliene panels with a Power One Aurora inverter and TIGO maximizers. It was installed by local vendor/installer, Vigor CLEANTECH. The faith community sells the electricity it generates to the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) microFIT program through its local utility, Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro.

You can **view the First Mennonite system generation** as it is being monitored by clicking [HERE](#).

For resources and to learn more about the position of the Mennonite Church on CREATION CARE and our responsibilities as followers of Jesus Christ caring for others at home and around the world, please click [HERE](#) and you will be taken to the Mennonite Central Committee Ontario CREATION CARE website.

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