

Wesley V. Geary III

NECO Board Member

Wes Geary is a retired community college budget and finance manager. He is involved as a Trustee at his church which helps shape his climate and sustainability outlook. As a Christian, he believes a reasonably low-cost, waste conscious, energy efficient lifestyle is one way to be a good steward of what God gave us; spiritually a simpler lifestyle reduces worry, enables us to give more generously to others and reduces the amount of waste we produce. Wes doesn't see a conflict between trusting in God and utilizing science. In fact, he finds that science often supports his belief that there is a supreme being who planned and created everything we know about and more. A book called 'Serve God, Save the Planet' was inspirational to him when he decided to sell his home and move just 2 blocks away to a brand-new energy efficient home in 2018. His new house has triple paned windows, a geothermal heat pump, 14 solar panels, and exterior walls made of insulated concrete forms. Currently the all-electric home generates 2/3 of the energy it consumes, and Wes plans to add a few more solar panels to make it a 'net zero' energy home. In fall 2020 the house was featured on Rocky Mountain PBS as part of the series called "Heart of a Building".



As a volunteer trustee at his church, Wes shares responsibility for taking care of the church buildings and grounds. In that role he pushed his church to continue becoming "green" by installing programmable thermostats and to keep replacing inefficient light bulbs with lower wattage LEDs. The church is planning a capital campaign to raise funds for building upgrades and repairs and Wes is their lead champion for installing solar panels as a high priority on the list of projects.