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INTERFAITH COLLABORATION BRINGS CLEAN ENERGY TO TWO MASSACHUSETTS CONGREGATIONS

May 18, 2021 - WESTON, MA - The new 30 kilowatt (kW) solar array that adorns St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Weston serves as a tangible symbol of a community effort to expand access to solar; the solar array will be used to power both St Peter's Church and Yusuf Mosque in Brighton. This unique clean energy collaboration between the two houses of worship will cover St. Peter's electricity needs, provide them with a new source of revenue, and deliver Yusuf Mosque a 15% discount from their regular rate, far higher than the 5-7% bill savings seen with most community shared solar projects. A dedication will be held at the church in September.

This unique project was developed by Dorchester-based Resonant Energy, an employee-owned solar provider committed to making solar energy accessible. Resonant Energy has built over 3 MW of nonprofit solar projects across MA and NY, serving as the primary partner for over one-third of all faith-based solar projects in MA¹. The project received financing from San Diego-based solar financier, [CollectiveSun](http://www.collectivesun.com). CollectiveSun's innovative "hybrid-ownership" model, allows tax-exempt organizations to take advantage of the solar installation tax credits to see an upfront price reduction. The church will benefit from state incentives, electricity savings, and the sale of excess electricity for the duration of the system's life.

"When we first considered going solar a year ago, it was with the goal of decreasing our own emissions," said Rev. Lynn Campbell, "In the Episcopal faith, we are called to care for all of God's creations and we felt that minimizing our carbon-footprint was one way we could help protect the planet and its inhabitants. The fact that we were able to help another community of faith do the same makes it even more exciting."

"This project represents the real potential we have to use solar to make an impact" said Madeleine Barr, VP of Outreach and Sales at Resonant Energy, "St Peter's Church is maximizing the space on their roof for clean energy production, partnering with a local mosque for the excess power, all the while seeing a meaningful financial return to the church by leveraging the Massachusetts SMART incentives with CollectiveSun's upfront discount."

¹Interfaith Power & Light (2019),

<https://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Final-Solar-Report-2019.pdf>

The project utilizes a turnkey billing and invoicing platform offered exclusively by Resonant Energy and developed by MySunBuddy, a Cambridge-based software company.

On Wednesday May 26th at 2pm EDT, CollectiveSun is hosting an informational webinar with Resonant Energy for any organizations interested in learning more about this project and opportunities for nonprofits and houses of worship to transition to solar energy.

Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/4416202576492/WN_z-NaMz5aTzKdqs6M7IjZnq



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About Resonant Energy

Resonant Energy is a community-based solar provider that believes that everyone has a right to clean affordable solar. We help under-invested communities take their place at the forefront of the global transition to clean energy. Through partnerships with local nonprofits, we deliver high quality solar arrays for houses of worship, affordable housing providers, and homeowners – regardless of income. We currently serve communities in Massachusetts, New York City, and Long Island. www.resonant.energy.

About CollectiveSun

Founded in 2011, CollectiveSun provides cost-effective solar energy financing for tax-exempt organizations across the United States. The firm's proprietary funding models have enabled more than 150 nonprofit organizations to utilize solar tax benefits normally unavailable to tax-exempt organizations. CollectiveSun reduces the cost of a nonprofit solar project by 12% and provides access to the least expensive funding options for the remaining cost. Additionally, the firm's deep expertise in solar engineering, solar finance, and project management expedites and simplifies the process of going solar for its nonprofit partners www.collectivesun.com.

About MySunBuddy

MySunBuddy is an independent software platform that enables its users to buy and sell net metering credits. We work with individual homeowners, businesses, solar installers and real estate developers to join our peer-to-peer solar network. www.mysunbuddy.com