2021 Creation Care Report on the
Episcopal Conference Center Solar Project

Parishes Step Forward!

The Solar Project at the ECC, a major Creation Care effort of the Diocese of Rhode Island, will provide the following benefits.

- Twenty-five years of savings on parish and diocesan electric bills.

- Long-term financial stability for the Episcopal Conference Center.

- Reduced carbon emissions to benefit the environment.

Participating parishes will get a 20% reduction in their electric bills over a period of 25 years, with no initial outlay of funds. With a small upfront payment, this could rise to up to 30%. For those who don't subscribe, the electricity charges will be at the standard rate charged by National Grid or a successor utility company.

Delayed by electrical transmission line issues with National Grid, and the COVID-19 pandemic, the project is now on track to begin construction in mid-2022, with completion set for later 2023.

Despite the delays caused by National Grid and the pandemic, twenty-four of our 51 parishes have already sent in Letters of Intent to subscribe to the Solar Project Credits. This is great news!

The project, however, requires a large set of parishes, ideally all 51, to sign up. One hundred per cent commitment will put the project in an ideal position to attract the investors needed to break ground next year. The properties of the Diocese have already all signed on. Other Rhode Island non-profits can also participate.

Twenty-seven parishes are at various stages of decision-making. The Solar Project requests a response from these parishes by the end of 2021. If parish leaders have questions or concerns about the project and its benefits, please contact Rick Sellers, the project director, at r.sellers@ecrisolar.com.

Parishes may also sign up and learn more about the project by going to the website, https://ecrisolar.com/.

An independent company, Episcopal Camp Rhode Island Solar (ECRIS) runs the project for the ECC and the Diocese.