

Congregants Buy Solar Installation for Raleigh Church

NC Solar Now installs 15.5 kW solar array on the West Raleigh Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC.

The West Raleigh Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC is joining the solar revolution with a 15.5 kW solar array on its roof installed by NC Solar Now.



The 50-panel roof mounted array was purchased by approximately 50 of the church's congregants. West Raleigh Presbyterian Church Trustee Eric Baucom said the idea for solar came from two church members who had already had solar installed on their own homes. The church established a six-person solar committee to oversee the entire project.

“As solar energy continues to grow in North Carolina, more organizations are seeing the value in investing in solar,” said NC Solar Now Director of Sales Gregory Olenar. “No matter what happens, the sun will always be one of the best investments anyone can make.”

Baucom said, “Our mission is to be a good steward to the Earth and getting solar is a big step in that direction.” He added that the feedback on the solar installation has been very positive and except for the benefit of saving money, the impetus for going green was to “help erase their carbon footprint” on their 38,000 square foot building.

NC Solar Now has seen a steady rise in its commercial installations. “We are so impressed how church members came together to find the best solution to make this happen,” said NC Solar Now President Steve Nicolas. “We are proud to be associated with this church and happy to help them go solar.”

The church acts as a nonprofit and therefore is not eligible for any of the renewable energy tax credits. However, since the church’s congregants paid for the cost of the installation and it was completed before the end of 2015, each individual who contributed will be eligible for both the state tax credit, which is 35 percent plus their normal federal tax deduction. North Carolina recently voted to end the 35 percent state tax incentive for solar energy; however, the federal tax incentive was extended until 2022.



“Thanks to NC Solar Now getting our installation completed in a timely manner, we were able to get our solar system turned on in time for the New Year. We’re very happy with the whole process and NC Solar Now was a great partner,” said Baucom.

About NC Solar Now:

NC Solar Now, located in Raleigh, NC, is locally owned and is one of North Carolina’s leading solar power installer. It works to install residential and commercial Solar Electric (PV), Solar Hot Water, and Solar Pool Heating Systems; and energy efficiency solutions across North Carolina. NC Solar Now is committed to providing high quality, affordable solar energy and energy efficiency solutions to homes and businesses across North Carolina. It is dedicated to providing renewable, non-polluting energy options for consumers while educating them on how to save money in the process. NC Solar Now envisions energy independence for everyone, and is committed to delivering outstanding service to its customers. For more information visit www.NCSolarNow.com

About the West Raleigh Presbyterian Church:

Located in the heart of downtown Raleigh, the West Raleigh Presbyterian Church is a community of people with diverse backgrounds, gifts, interests, viewpoints and ways of living, and is known for its outreach, sponsoring and supporting many missions including NCSU Campus Ministry, Feeding Ministry (distributing brown-bag lunches to those in need), Global Ministries (supporting missionary families), Warmth for Wake (providing firewood for low-income residents), building for Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels (serving meals to sick members), an Arts Ministry, and providing safe shelter for homeless families through Wake Interfaith Housing Network. Additionally, WRPC was the founding church for Wheels4Hope, a non-profit that places reliable cars with low-wage earners.

