



## Solar Wise

### Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") made as of this day of (the "Execution Date"),

**BETWEEN:**

Georgia Interfaith Power & Light (GIPL) 701 S. Columbia Dr., Campus Box 326, Decatur, GA 30030 and (congregation name and address) \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact person – please identify one contact person who will serve as principal liaison for the Solar Wise program: (name & email)** \_\_\_\_\_

**BACKGROUND:**

- A. GIPL was founded in 2003 and incorporated in 2009 as a Georgia non-profit organization that engages communities of faith in stewardship of creation. GIPL offers Solar Wise, a program to help congregations and their members explore, procure, and implement solar energy systems and clean energy alternatives, while also incorporating environmental stewardship into the entire life of their congregation. GIPL and the congregation wish to enter into a relationship of mutual support.
  
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ wishes to enter into this relationship with GIPL in order to explore the feasibility and implementation of a solar energy system and to incorporate environmental stewardship into the life of its congregation. To achieve this purpose, this congregation and GIPL wish to enter into a relationship of mutual support.

**UNDERSTANDING OF THE PARTIES**

GIPL will enter a cooperative relationship with \_\_\_\_\_ with the following understandings:

- A. GIPL will offer a solar feasibility study/solar assessment for a fee of \$125 per congregation.
  
- B. GIPL will come to a public meeting at the congregation and report the general findings of the solar assessment or discuss other available resources and programs.
  
- C. GIPL will explore and present options for procurement, leasing, SEPA's, and/or alternative options for incorporating on-site solar into the energy portfolio of the congregation.

- D. GIPL will provide independent expertise and guidance on what, if any, solar solutions a congregation should consider, and will also serve as a liaison between the selected solar contractor/installer, the leadership of the congregation, and any other appropriate decision-making bodies from the point of initiating the assessment process until the point of installation of a solar PV solution at the congregation, or for as long as the project remains feasible to all parties.
- E. Solar Assessments performed in 2019 or earlier may need to be performed again to ensure that the assessment is as accurate as possible.
- F. GIPL may share the congregation's solar performance data/recommended solar solutions with other congregations in the program.
- G. GIPL will post on its website the congregation's name, assessment date, and a brief summary of the experience of the congregation after successful procurement/implementation of a solar energy system. This helps promote the Solar Wise Program to others and furthers our goals of caring for Creation.

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\_\_\_\_\_ will enter into this agreement and provide the following:

- A. The Congregation will pay a small administrative fee as discussed in A. above.
- B. The Congregation will provide relevant facility information about square footage, congregation size, building use, roof age, plans for building renovations as outlined in the Background Sheet provided by GIPL's Program Director. In addition, a minimum of 13 months of the most recent electric usage is needed to complete the assessment. **Scanned bill images emailed to hannah@gipl.org are preferred.**
- C. The Congregation will make its buildings and appropriate personnel available to GIPL and our partners during any actual on-site assessments (about 2 hours), when necessary. Appropriate personnel should be familiar with the history of the congregation and buildings in addition to having keys to access all areas.
- D. The Congregation will enter good faith discussions about ways to employ recommended improvements within the constraints of available funds and time so that solar/clean energy solutions and savings can be realized in a reasonable time.
- E. The Congregation will promote solar/clean energy education among its members and alert them to GIPL supported procurement opportunities when they are available in their area.

F. GIPL has also developed a number of educational classes and workshops and practical climate solution programs related to the 20 high impact solutions from Drawdown Georgia. Congregations are encouraged to explore additional programs that will help them reduce their carbon footprint and enhance environmental stewardship on site.

\_\_\_\_\_ will also allow GIPL to calculate their Nuclear Construction Cost Recovery Fee and utilize additional applicable utility data for ongoing advocacy initiatives and efforts to influence energy policy. (Please check one of the following).

- Permission to use utility data for ongoing advocacy initiatives **AND** permission to publicly use the congregation's name associated with this data in all relevant GIPL efforts.
- Permission to use utility data anonymously in all relevant GIPL efforts.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Head of Staff/Clergy of the Church

Either party can terminate this agreement without cause at any time. Please submit this signed document to Georgia Interfaith Power and Light at the address listed above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Hannah Shultz, Program Director of Georgia Interfaith Power & Light

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Congregational Lay leadership of the Congregation

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Staff/Clergy of the Church

Non-Binding - This MOU is entered into in good faith by each of the parties and so does not create a binding enforceable agreement between the Parties.

**Please submit this document and utility information to:  
Hannah Shultz, Program Director, 404-377-5552, hannah@gipl.org**