

TRANSCRIPT

Black Church Clean Energy Hub Program

Gemini Energy Solutions

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Voiceover:

You want to talk about the connection between the black church and the black community? How much do you got? <laughter>

Anthony Kinslow II, Founder & CEO, Gemini Energy Solutions:

What if we could transform one of the anchors of the black community into a clean energy hub? A micro-grid. A workforce development incubator—a model for a better future. My name is Anthony. Kinslow II. I am the CEO and Founder of Gemini Energy Solutions. An energy audit and cleantech company. I'm a lifetime churchgoer and on the Board of Trustees for my church.

Reverend Dr. Ambrose Carroll, Sr., Pastor & Founder, Green The Church

The Black Church is one of the largest, collective of what black people do in America. There's over 40 million black people of faith in this country.

Anthony Kinslow II, Founder & CEO, Gemini Energy Solutions

At Gemini, we envision a future, where every black church is a clean energy hub for their community. We already go to the church for food, for shelter and for community. Gemini asks: “Why not go to the church for energy?”

Reginald Parker, Ph.D., President & Founder, Optimal Tech

So what we talk about delivering and microgrid called CARE. When we say “Optimal cares and I know Gemini cares as well, but for us CARES stands for “clean,” “affordable,” “resilient,” “energy solution.”

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Starting with the church ensures that the economic and health benefits of the clean energy transition reaches the black community. It is the chance to center equity and realize energy justice.

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We're going to have economic prosperity. There's no longer going to be a dirty energy economy of which we've been at the bottom and there's been extraction from our communities and from our land and our people. If we're gonna move to a place where it's going to be clean energy, then we need to be the masters of our own fate.

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Revenue from the Clean Energy Hub can be used to transform the surrounding neighborhoods. And it's not just money. Energy justice means that they'll live a longer and healthier life.

Dana Clare Redden, MBA, Founder & CEO, Solar Stewards

When you have solar on site that can function as a backup power supply, you're not only doing a good store for the environment, but you're creating lifesaving opportunities for that community. It's just a natural intersection.

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Gemini is already working with Glad Tidings International, Church of God and Christ, a black church in Hayward, California, and this started because of our dedication to collaborative community engagement.

Reverend Dr. Ambrose Carroll, Sr., Pastor & Founder, Green The Church

Glad Tidings Church is the church that Green The Church has been working with for the last five years. Bishop Macklin has vision, does the work, and is nationally connected. When I was in school we always talked about the church being the major agent for community change.

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And that is why Gemini and our partners is uniquely positioned to tap into the power of community to spread the power of clean energy. Through faith, comes energy and economic fortune.

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