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Bolton organizations receive Soul City Solar grants

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Apex Clean Energy recently awarded more than \$30,000 in grants to eight community organizations through the Soul City Solar Community Grant Program. The Town of Bolton and Mt. Elizabeth MB Church were both recipients, with the Town of Bolton receiving a \$2,500 grant for the Clean and Green Community Clean-up, and Mt. Elizabeth MB Church receiving \$2,000 for an outreach program.



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The Town of Bolton received a \$2,500 grant for community clean-up.

recipients are doing throughout Hinds County," said Brian O'Shea, director of public engagement at Apex Clean Energy. "They are taking the initiative to seize workforce development opportunities, support Hinds County students, and make meaningful improvements to their communities."

"We are thankful for the support from Soul City Solar for helping strengthen our efforts in providing scholarships for disadvantaged youth," said Mt. Elizabeth Pastor Bernard McKinley. "Educating our church family and community in health and mental health programs will ensure a better and safer environment."

"This support means more than just resources - it reflects a shared commitment to community pride, environmental stewardship, and creating a cleaner, stronger Bolton for our families," said Bolton Mayor Alisa Butler-Kidd.

Since launching the program in 2024, Soul City Solar has contributed over \$300,000 to Hinds County community organizations, including local schools, churches, libraries, public service agencies and other community initiatives. To learn more about the program, or apply for a future grant cycle, visit www.soulcitysolarpower.com/grant.



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Mt. Elizabeth MB Church Pastor Bernard McKinley

Hinds County Congress of Christian Education sets dates for 134th session

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The Hinds County Congress of Christian Education will host its 134th Annual Session June 29 through July 1 at Belmont M.B. Church in Raymond.

Nightly sessions will begin at 6 p.m. at the church, located at 14011 Highway 18. The event will bring together churches and community members from Bolton, Edwards, Raymond, Terry and Utica for three evenings focused on spiritual growth, leadership development and Christian education.

The annual session will feature four leadership classes designed to strengthen faith and equip participants for service within their churches and communities. Organizers say the theme, "Empowering Faith and Leadership," reflects the Congress' ongoing mission to inspire and develop Christian leaders throughout Hinds County.

Rev. Tonie Crisler will serve as host pastor for the event. Shirley Burns will oversee the annual session as dean of Congress.

Organizers said attendees can expect engaging instruction from experienced teachers and leaders who will provide practical and spiritual guidance during the classes and nightly sessions.

The Congress of Christian Education has served churches throughout the region for more than a century, continuing its mission of equipping believers through biblical teaching, fellowship and leadership training.

The public is invited to attend all sessions.

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