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God is Green Event Launches Bridgeport Houses of Worship Energy Usage Initiative

Mayor Bill Finch leads panel of speakers



Mayor Bill Finch joins local religious leaders, officials from The United Illuminating Company, The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote house of worship benchmarking and reducing environmental impact.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (June 30, 2015) - Bridgeport Mayor Bill Finch, in conjunction with Energize Connecticut, hosted the “God is Green” event at City Hall. The event promoted the importance of benchmarking energy usage in houses of worship throughout the city.

A panel including Finch featuring officials from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and The United Illuminating Company (UI) educated owners of local houses of worship on the importance of energy efficiency and sustainability.

Attendees listened as house of worship owners who have already completed the benchmarking process described their personal successes. All speakers stressed the importance of tracking energy usage, which is often one of the highest costs that buildings accrue.

Guests were invited to begin a benchmarking process at their houses of worship. The benchmarking will be done for free by University of New Haven interns and each building will receive a 1-100 ENERGY STAR® score. Scores will be used to compare against peer buildings to determine how energy efficient each structure is. Houses of worship are encouraged to engage in the Small Business Energy Advantage program which will provide them with the necessary resources to reduce their energy bills.

For more information about energy-saving programs and services supported by Energize Connecticut, call 1-877-WISE-USE or visit: EnergizeCT.com.

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