

Mennonite Church Canada Emissions Reduction Grant (revised for 2026)
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Please complete this paper version only if you cannot do it online. Once completed you can scan and email to Sandy Plett or request a mailing address (splett@mennonitechurch.ca).

Please respond to every item.

1) About the Congregation:

- a) Church Name _____
- b) Address _____

- c) Pastor/s _____
- d) Describe your congregation and its key ministries. (100 word max)

- e) Approximate Church membership _____
- f) Average total annual budget from 2022-2026 _____

2) Reflections from the final section of the Greener Congregation Vision Exercise
(adapted for 2026)

- a) Having looked at these visions, are there any surprising visions of creation care that you hadn't considered before?

- b) What are 2-3 categories (from above) in which you can see your congregation engaging with more in the next year?

- c) What's one concrete and doable action that you might work towards after thinking through these categories (what's the "next most possible" thing you might work on?)

3) Personnel

- a) List the person(s) or committee responsible to implement the Emissions Reduction project. _____
- b) Contact person for communication about the project:
- i) Name and title/role: _____
 - ii) Phone _____
 - iii) Email Address _____

4) Short description of your proposed project

Our proposed project is (select Type 1 or Type 2 below and answer corresponding questions):

Type 1: These projects do not require an energy audit. Please consult with appropriate experts/professionals before proceeding. Examples include:

- a) More efficient lighting
- b) Switching from gas to electrical or high-efficiency appliances (Fridges, water heaters, ovens - Energy Star appliances strongly recommended)
- c) Building sealing actions - Replacing leaky or damaged windows and doors, improving insulation/ventilation

Describe the hardware that you plan to install:

Organization or Individual (name and title/role) consulted in developing your plan;

Type 2: These projects require an audit or a firm estimate of potential energy savings compared to current energy use. This grant may be one of several grants applied to these types of projects. Examples include:

- a) Switching to more efficient heating and cooling systems, like a geothermal or air-source heat pump
- b) Alternative Energy installations, like solar panels

Describe the hardware that you plan to install:

What is the expected yearly on-going reduction in direct or indirect GHG emissions?

Name of Auditor or Consultant who provided this information/estimate

Organization/s or Individual/s (name/s and title/role) consulted in developing your plan

5) Emission Reduction Plan:

Explain how the proposed project is part of a larger plan to move the congregation toward lower Greenhouse Gas Emissions. (250 word max)

6) Building and Property details:

Explain why your property is a good candidate for the project. (50 word max)

7) Outreach

Describe how you will share your vision for green energy with your community. (100 word max)

8) Budget

a) Breakdown of costs

i) Audit/consultation (if completed): _____

ii) Hardware: _____

iii) Installation: _____

b) Total cost of project: _____

c) Amount requested for the grant (should not exceed 50% of the total cost of the project to a maximum of \$3000): _____

d) Explain how you will raise the money for the cost not covered by the Grant, indicate if you already have money set aside for this project. (max 100 words)

9) Timeline: Funds to be distributed as reimbursement after receipts have been submitted.

a) Receipts dated from April 14, 2026 to Nov 2, 2027 will be accepted.

b) Funding could be provided in advance if required/requested. Contact Sandy Plett splett@mennonitechurch.ca to discuss.

When do you plan to purchase your equipment? _____

10) Publicity. MC Canada plans to issue a press release to celebrate all Emission Reduction grants given in the upcoming year. We will also collect congregational stories about their GHG emission reduction journeys for publication on the MC Canada website, in the Canadian Mennonite or other places. Are you willing to assist in the writing and publication of the story for your congregation?

a) Yes

b) No

11) To help us follow up easily please provide:

a) Name of person completing application _____

b) Phone _____

c) Email Address _____