

Greener Congregation Score Sheet

(Adapted 2024 by MC Canada for Emissions Reduction Grant)

This is an opportunity to think broadly about how creation care is part of your mission and to set goals for the future. We require this form because most congregations find it a helpful exercise, not because your selection depends on your achievements.

Download and work through the form in as much depth as you find useful without belaboring it. Ideally, this will be a group process, not just the grant writer's opinions. Please share your evaluation with other leaders in the congregation for discussion and discernment.

Though these are not necessary for this grant application, [discussion guides](#) are available for when your congregation is ready to take a deeper dive into each of these areas.

You'll be asked to share your reflections (see below the scoresheet) in your congregation's grant application. Have this paper handy.

Congregation Name: _____ **Date Completed:** _____

Completed by: _____

Instructions:

Rate your congregation's creation stewardship from 0 to 5.

0 = no current activity or plan. 5 = your congregation has fully immersed itself in this area.

Score	Category
	Vision for Creation Care: Stewardship of creation is named in the congregation's mission and core values. People understand caring for the earth as a key part of the Christian calling.
	Creation Care Leaders The congregation includes people with a passion and gifts for guiding the church in stewardship practices. The congregation recognizes and blesses these gifts.
	Ecological Setting The congregation is aware of its place in the local ecosystems, watershed and foodshed. Local soils, plants and animals are familiar to members, and they understand how to be careful stewards in this setting. Members are aware of the environmental issues in their community.
	Creation Care in Worship & Prayer The worship experiences of the congregation recognize God's care for all created things. Caring for creation is addressed in sermons and appears in visual elements, in sharing times, in confessions, in song. Spiritual practices that foster compassion for the earth are encouraged.
	Creation Care in Congregational Life Groups and committees consider environmental impacts when making decisions. Structures are in place to enable practices such as recycling, carpooling, buying recycled materials.

	<p>Creation Care in Daily Living Members are routinely challenged to adopt earth stewardship practices at home. Individuals have moved toward lower consumption lifestyles in the last five years.</p>
	<p>Energy Audit The stewardship of your congregation includes evaluating energy uses in the church building. The facilities committee has established a historical baseline of heating, cooling and lighting costs.</p>
	<p>Practicing Ecojustice The congregation participates in mission activities that promote ecojustice within the local community and beyond.</p>
	<p>Advocacy People speak out when laws or systems permit damage to the earth. They are attentive to environmental issues and understand how to communicate with their lawmakers effectively.</p>
	<p>Creation Care Planning The congregation has developed a comprehensive plan for reducing the ecological and carbon footprint of all areas of congregational life.</p>
	<p>Total Score 0 - 10 Visioning Leaf 11 - 20 Bronze Leaf 21 - 30 Silver Leaf 31 - 40 Gold Leaf 41 - 50 Green Leaf</p>

Reflections

A. What rating have you given your congregation and how do you feel about this rating?

B. What are 2-3 categories (from above) in which you can see your congregation raising your “score” in the next year?

C. What’s one “low hanging fruit” that you might work towards after thinking through this scoresheet, to improve your “score?”

Scoresheet adapted from *MCCN Greener Congregation Scoresheet*.

