

# Greener Congregation Score Sheet

Rate your congregation's creation stewardship from 0 to 5. A zero indicates no current activity or plan; a 5 means that your congregation has fully immersed itself in this area. [Discussion Guides](#) are available.

Score	Category
	<p><b>Vision for Creation Care and Climate Justice</b> Care for creation and climate justice are named in the congregation's mission and core values. People understand that caring for the earth and caring for marginalized peoples are intertwined aspects of our Christian calling.</p>
	<p><b>Creation Justice Leaders</b> The congregation includes people with a passion and gifts for guiding the church in sustainability and climate justice practices. The congregation recognizes and blesses these gifts.</p>
	<p><b>Ecological Setting</b> The congregation is aware of its place in the local ecosystem, watershed and foodshed. Local soils, plants and animals are familiar to members, and they understand how to support biodiversity in this setting. Members are aware of the environmental issues in their community.</p>
	<p><b>Creation Justice in Worship &amp; Prayer</b> The worship experiences of the congregation recognize God's care for all created things, human and more-than-human. Caring and seeking justice for creation are addressed in sermons and appear in visual elements, in sharing times, in confessions, in song. Spiritual practices that foster compassion for the earth and all its inhabitants are encouraged.</p>
	<p><b>Creation Justice in Congregational Life</b> Groups and committees consider environmental and social impacts when making decisions. Structures are in place to enable practices such as recycling, carpooling, buying recycled materials.</p>
	<p><b>Creation Justice in Daily Living</b> Members are routinely challenged to adopt earth care practices at home. Individuals have moved toward lower consumption lifestyles in the last five years.</p>
	<p><b>Energy Audit</b> 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><b>Practicing Climate Justice</b> The congregation participates in mission activities that promote climate justice within the local community and beyond.</p>
	<p><b>Advocacy</b> People speak out when laws or systems permit damage to the earth and vulnerable peoples They are attentive to environmental issues and understand how to communicate with their lawmakers effectively.</p>

	<p><b>Creation Justice Planning</b> The congregation has developed a comprehensive plan for reducing the ecological and carbon footprint of all areas of congregational life.</p>
	<p><b>Total Score</b> 0 - 10 Visioning Leaf      11 - 20 Bronze Leaf      21 - 30 Silver Leaf 31 - 40 Gold Leaf      41 - 50 Green Leaf</p>

**Priority areas:** Tell us more about the two categories you have worked with most OR plan to develop the most in the future.

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A. Name the committee and/or individuals responsible for evaluating this priority area:

  
  
  

B. Reason for current score: (up to 50 words)

  
  
  

C. How are you active in this area—or what plans are underway to address it? (up to 100 words)

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