

GREEN CONGREGATION STEWARDSHIP SCORE

Step One: Review listing of creation tasks.

Step Two: Rate your congregation's creation stewardship: 0 - 5

Zero indicates no current activity or plan and five represents your congregation is fully engaged in a given task or planning.



Creation Care Statement

Stewardship of creation is integrated within the framework of the congregation's mission and core values.



Creation Care Leaders Group

The congregation has called out people with a passion and gifts for guiding the church with acts of grace and wisdom in stewardship tasks.



Ecological Setting

The congregation has defined its location and understands how to care for its place in creation, the local community, and serves as a good model of stewardship.



Energy Audit

The stewardship of your congregational includes evaluating energy uses in the church building and established a historical baseline of heating, cooling, and lighting costs.



Creation Care Plan

The congregation has developed a stewardship plan for reducing the ecological and carbon footprint of all areas of congregational life.



Creation Care Inclusion in Gatherings

There is an intentional plan to include visual and physical aspects of nature to enhance worship and community gatherings as a reminder of the Creator and our role as stewards of the earth.



Practicing Ecojustice Locally

The congregation's missional outreach includes participation in activities that promote ecojustice within the local community.



Creation Care in Worship

The worship experiences of the congregation regularly include times of restoring hearts, people, and all of creation in the worship services.



Creation Care Activities

Creation care initiatives and recommendations for environmental stewardship activities are being implemented by congregational leadership and member's families.

Step Three: Determine your congregation's score for stewardship of creation.

- 0 – 9 **Visioning Leaf**
- 10 – 19 **Bronze Leaf**
- 20 – 29 **Silver Leaf**
- 30 – 39 **Gold Leaf**
- 40 – 45 **Green Leaf**

Report your score level: www.mennocreationcare.org

Stewardship Calling for Green Congregations. – Luke Gascho

“The call is for each Christian to be grounded in caring for creation and to act accordingly. While individual actions are critical in restoring health in the environment, it is also important for the congregation to work together at discerning how they can address ecological issues corporately.”

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Resources for Green Congregations

Green Congregation Listing



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