

# Green Congregation Stewardship Score

**Step One:** Use Mennonite Creation Care Network's Scoresheet discussion guides to review the following areas.

**Step Two:** Rate your congregation's creation stewardship from 0 to 5. A Zero indicates no current activity or plan; a 5 describes a congregation that is fully engaged in a given area.

	<p><b>Vision for Creation Care</b> 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.</p>
	<p><b>Creation Care Leaders</b> The congregation includes people with a passion and gifts for guiding the church in stewardship practices. These people are recognized and the congregation has formally blessed their gifts.</p>
	<p><b>Ecological Setting</b> The congregation has an awareness 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.</p>
	<p><b>Creation Care in Worship</b> 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.</p>
	<p><b>Creation Care in Congregational Life</b> Groups and committees consider environmental impacts when making decisions. Structures are in place to enable practices such as recycling, carpooling, buying recycled materials.</p>
	<p><b>Energy Audit</b> The stewardship of the 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>Creation Care in Daily Living</b> 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><b>Practicing Ecojustice Locally</b> The congregation participates in mission activities that promote ecojustice within the local community and beyond.</p>
	<p><b>Creation Care Plan</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 - 9 Visioning Leaf 10 - 19 Bronze Leaf 20 - 29 Silver Leaf 30 - 39 Gold Leaf 40 - 49 Green Leaf</p>



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