

Greener Congregation Scoresheet

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>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.</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Creation Care in Worship 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>Creation Care in Education and 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. Christian ed courses or small groups provide a venue for studying environmental issues and discussing ethical responses.</p>
	<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. They notice when some groups do not have access to nature</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 Plan The congregation has developed a comprehensive plan for reducing the ecological and carbon footprint of all areas of congregational life.</p>

Total Score

- 0 - 10 Visioning Leaf
- 11 - 20 Bronze Leaf
- 21 - 30 Silver Leaf
- 31 - 40 Gold Leaf
- 41 - 50 Green Leaf

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Areas of Focus: Reflect on the two categories you have worked with most or plan to develop the most in the future.

Score	Category
[] 0 to 5	1. Category: A. Name the committee and/or individuals responsible for evaluating this priority area: B. Reason for current score: (up to 50 words) C. Steps planned to develop this priority area: (up to 100 words)

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[] 0 to 5	2. Category: A. Name the committee and/or individuals responsible for evaluating this priority area. B. Reason for current score: (up to 50 words) C. Steps planned to develop this priority area: (up to 100 words)