



Faith & the Common Good

Level III: Deep Green Certification



To be awarded the Deep Green Certification, 12 actions from the list must be completed. **4 are required actions** (highlighted in green).

Spirituality and Worship	Check after completing	Energy	Check after completing	Kitchen	Check after completing
At least one worship service per year is dedicated to addressing environmental stewardship and taking climate action.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Utility data is analyzed regularly to identify activities that cause high consumption. Patterns are identified and plans are in place to reduce consumption.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Your community garden regularly provides fresh vegetables to events held at the facility or to local food programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>
All materials used during worship (e.g. candles, flowers, etc.) are locally sourced and environmentally-friendly products are in use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An energy audit has been completed by a trained professional auditor and the faith community has acted or is acting on the issues identified.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The faith community supports local food initiatives through actions such as hosting a local farmers market or other types of food-related events.	<input type="checkbox"/>
		A lighting survey has been undertaken and inefficient fixtures have been replaced.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single-use dishes and cutlery have been completely eliminated from use.	<input type="checkbox"/>
		A high-efficiency heating system or a solar hot water system for the purpose of space heating has been installed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental & Climate Justice*	
		A high-efficiency cooling system has been installed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The faith community board have reviewed their investments and agreed to divest from any fossil fuel investments OR to invest in renewable energy (smaller faith communities without investments may complete the second action by investing a symbolic amount).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community		The faith community has replaced their fossil fuel burning heating system with a ground source heat pump.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The faith community has met with their MP/MPP to call for action on climate change and is participating in a climate justice action.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Undertake environmental projects in collaboration with other faith communities or local groups (e.g. planting pollinator gardens, planting trees, community spring clean-up, naturalization of schoolyards and sacred spaces etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insulation has been added to walls and roof in order to surpass minimum code. Exterior windows and doors have been replaced with Energy Star models.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The faith community has met with their MP/MPP to urge them to honour the rights of Indigenous peoples to a clean and healthy environment and to take immediate action on behalf of Indigenous communities impacted by environmental pollution (land, water, air).	<input type="checkbox"/>
The faith community engages with local, provincial, or federal governments to support sustainable public policies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An implementation plan is in place for the faith community to install a renewable energy system in their facility.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Total Deep Green Actions: <input type="text"/>	
A volunteer coordinator has been appointed to facilitate car-pooling and to ensure all community members are aware of public transit routes to the facility.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Electric vehicle charging station(s) have been installed on the property or identified nearby.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water			
Create and support opportunities for younger people to experience how people in their own and other communities are affected by the planetary crisis and how they can work for change.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The faith community has installed a high-efficiency hot water heater, such as an on-demand unit or a solar domestic hot water heating system.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
A board committee focusing on environmental and sustainability issues has been established.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A grey water system has been installed that allows the facility to reuse water for a second time or a large cistern has been installed to capture rainwater for interior building uses.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		The faith community's grounds have been specifically landscaped with native pollinator plants that do not require much watering (xeriscaping) or installed a rain garden to capture runoff.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Operations and Maintenance		Waste			
The Sustainability Coordinator and Sustainability Team are implementing their sustainability plan and all groups are following the 'best practices' document.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Items such as eye glasses and clothes are donated to the faith community for re-use or re-distribution.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
The faith community makes its own eco-friendly cleaning products using natural materials (e.g. baking soda, white vinegar, essential oils, etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/>	A waste reduction strategy has been planned and implemented. The faith community continues to track total waste to determine if targets are being met.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
The faith community has a green maintenance plan including using alternatives to salt in the winter and/or seeking lot and yard maintenance providers who use green practices.	<input type="checkbox"/>				

*The Centre for Earth Ethics (www.centerforearthethics.org) defines Environmental Justice as fighting for the equitable distribution of technology and resources with a preference to those who need them the most, and promoting the protection of the earth, its ecosystems, and giving all access to clean water, clean air, and surroundings free of toxic chemicals.

**Divest Canada (www.divestcanada.ca) defines Fossil fuel divestment as a means of removing investments from the fossil fuel industry, i.e. all investments in companies that generate revenue from the extraction, transport, or processing of oil, gas, and coal.

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