



Faith & the Common Good

Level II: Medium Green Certification



To be awarded the Medium 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
Focus on environmental stewardship issues and climate action in special worship based on religious celebrations and community events (e.g. Earth Day).	<input type="checkbox"/>	Utility expenditures, consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions are tracked and documented. This information is made available to the faith community's members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vegetarian, vegan, organic, and in-season food options are provided and served when possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Only natural materials are used during worship services (e.g. candles, flowers, etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/>	An energy audit has been completed by a trained professional auditor and the faith community has an implementation plan to resolve some of the identified issues.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The faith community promotes fair trade through a purchasing policy and by offering fairly traded products for sale.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Locally grown organic flowers are used during worship services.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Energy efficient lighting (e.g. LEDs) have been installed where possible. Dimmers, timers, and motion sensors are installed where possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A policy of using washable dishes and cutlery, etc. during events and break times is in place.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide opportunities to reconnect with nature through prayer, faith reflections, and retreats.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heating system has a regular maintenance schedule, furnace filters are cleaned or replaced, and ducts are clean, where applicable.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		Cooling system has a regular maintenance schedule, filters are cleaned or replaced, and ducts are clean, where applicable.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		The faith community has replaced their fossil fuel burning heating system with an air source heat pump.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental & Climate Justice*	
		Insulation has been added to walls and roof in order to reach minimum code requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Members have been provided with educational materials about fossil fuel divestment** (e.g. www.faithcommongood.org/eco_investment_accelerator_toolkit) and green investment opportunities (e.g. ZooShare, Solar Share) and encouraged to look at their own investments.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encourage members to adopt a greener lifestyle, to join community environmental projects, and to practice the 3 R's at home through articles in bulletins and newsletters and social media provided by the faith community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The faith community has investigated the possibility of installing a renewable energy system of any kind in their facility.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The faith community hosts environmental/climate justice events – screenings, workshops, study sessions – and/or offers space for community groups to meet on these issues (online and in person).	<input type="checkbox"/>
The faith community has planted a community garden for native pollinator-friendly plants and/or vegetables.	<input type="checkbox"/>			The faith community has hosted a workshop or discussion group concerning environmental issues being faced by Indigenous communities today, and committed to taking action.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bike racks and carpooling preferential parking spots have been installed on the faith community's property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water			
Hold or support a holiday or summer camp with an environmental stewardship/climate theme.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Systems that limit total hot water usage such as a hot water heat recovery system or a pre-mixing of hot and cold water system have been installed.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Hold educational sessions to educate people on environmental stewardship/climate action that link to the faith tradition and promote faith-based and local environmental organizations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low-flush toilets and urinals are installed where possible throughout the facility.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		Rain barrels have been installed to collect roof run-off water for the purpose of watering the grounds.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		Waste			
The Sustainability Coordinator has gathered together a Sustainability Team who has begun to develop an implementation plan to embed sustainability in their faith community (e.g. www.faithcommongood.org/gcm).	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recycling facilities are available at the faith community for dropping off items such as ink cartridges, cell phones, CFL bulbs, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
The faith community has a procurement policy for recycled and/or FSC certified paper (e.g. office, envelopes, bulletins, bathroom tissue, etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/>	The faith community has a 'backyard' composting system for yard waste and kitchen waste.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		Fruits and vegetables are selected from a bin, rather than those on styrofoam trays and shrink-wrapped in plastic.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
				Total Medium Green Actions:	<input type="text"/>

*The Centre for Earth Ethics (www.centrefortheethics.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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