



Greening Sacred Spaces
CERTIFICATION

Spirituality and Worship		Check after completing	Energy	Check after completing	Kitchen	Check after completing
Make regular use of environmental-focused prayers and/or songs in worship.	<input type="checkbox"/>		Utility expenditures and energy consumption are tracked and documented.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Locally sourced food and drinks are used when possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Livestream worship on the website for community members.	<input type="checkbox"/>		A walk-through audit has been completed by a member of the faith community and an implementation plan to resolve identified issues is in place. Visit www.faithcommongood.org/guides to learn about FCGs DIY Audit Guide.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The faith community is eating less meat and dairy, or switching to plant-based alternatives where possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>
All candles have been replaced with environmentally-friendly candles (e.g. beeswax or electric).	<input type="checkbox"/>		Signage posted at all light switches reminds people to turn off lights when not in use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reusable, recyclable, and/or compostable dishes and cutlery are in regular use.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Place symbols of nature in the sacred space, gardens, or meditation area.	<input type="checkbox"/>		Programmable thermostats are in use and winter set-back temperatures are in place.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
			Programmable thermostats are in use and summer set-back temperatures are in place.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
			Ceiling fans are in regular use in order to circulate heat during the winter and cool the space during the summer.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community			Usage of caulk and spray foam to air-seal the building.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Promote and facilitate household energy audits and water conservation. Visit www.faithcommongood.org/tip_sheets to learn how you can get started.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
The faith community has assisted in local environmental clean-up, restoration projects or tree planting initiatives.	<input type="checkbox"/>		Weather stripping on windows and doors has been upgraded.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Car-pooling, public transit use, and bicycle use is encouraged by the faith community.	<input type="checkbox"/>		Water			
Online meetings (e.g. Zoom, Skype, etc.), emailing, and phone calls are being used regularly in order to decrease the need to drive to meetings.	<input type="checkbox"/>		Basic efficiency steps have been taken such as low-flow aerators on all faucets, posting signs advising people to limit water usage, and regular checks to ensure no leaky faucets or toilets.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Encourage volunteering initiatives aimed at environmental responsibility, reducing individual carbon footprints, and taking climate action.	<input type="checkbox"/>		Steps have been taken such as insulating hot water tanks and pipes.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Resources with a nature and environmental stewardship focus are available in the faith community's library or common area and across your social media platforms.	<input type="checkbox"/>		Exterior watering of the grounds only occurs in the morning or evening and is shut off when it is raining or rain is expected.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Operations and Maintenance			Waste			
A Sustainability Coordinator has been appointed and has begun to develop 'best practices' documents for all areas of your faith community.	<input type="checkbox"/>		Blue bins can be found in every area. Signs are posted near the bins advising people as to what can and can't be recycled.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Biodegradable, non-toxic, phosphate-free cleaning products are purchased and used within the facility.	<input type="checkbox"/>		The faith community composts regularly through their municipal composting program.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
The faith community has a 'think twice before printing' policy and an active paper reduction and recycling policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>		Reusable or cloth bags are used while shopping at grocery stores to reduce plastic waste.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
					Total Light Green Actions:	

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