

Mennonite Creation Care Network's Greener Congregation Score Sheet

Step One: Use Mennonite Creation Care Network's Greener Congregation Discussion Guides to review the areas below and set goals for the future. Assign each question to the people most involved with the area addressed. Many hands make light work.

Step Two: Rate your congregation 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. Some

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Score	Category
<p>[] 0 to 5</p>	<p>1. Vision for Creation Care:</p> <p>People understand caring for the earth as a key part of the Christian calling. Care of creation is named in the congregation's mission and core values.</p> <p>A. Name the committee and/or individuals responsible for evaluating the vision category.</p> <p>B. Reason for current score:</p> <p>C. Steps planned to increase the congregation's vision for creation care.</p>
<p>[] 0 to 5</p>	<p>2. Creation Care Leaders</p> <p>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>A. Name the committee and/or individuals responsible for evaluating this category.</p> <p>B. Reason for current score:</p> <p>C. Steps planned to develop creation care leaders.</p>

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<p>[] 0 to 5</p>	<p>3. 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>A. Name the committee and/or individuals responsible for evaluating this category.</p> <p>B. Reason for current score:</p> <p>C. Steps planned to increase the congregation's awareness of its ecological setting.</p>
<p>[] 0 to 5</p>	<p>4. 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>A. Name the committee and/or individuals responsible for evaluating this category.</p> <p>B. Reason for current score:</p> <p>C. Steps planned to emphasize God's love for all created things in worship.</p>

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<p>[] 0 to 5</p>	<p>5. Creation Care in 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.</p> <p>A. Name the committee and/or individuals responsible for evaluating this category.</p> <p>B. Reason for current score:</p> <p>C. Steps planned to encourage creation care in congregational life.</p>
<p>[] 0 to 5</p>	<p>6. 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>A. Name the committee and/or individuals responsible for evaluating this category.</p> <p>B. Reason for current score:</p> <p>C. Steps planned to encourage creation care in daily living.</p>

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<p>[] 0 to 5</p>	<p>7. Energy 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>The Cool Congregations Carbon Checklist from Interfaith Power and Light can help you conduct your own audit. See other suggestions in the score sheet discussion guide.</p> <p>.</p> <p>A. Name the committee and/or individuals responsible for evaluating this category.</p> <p>B. Reason for current score:</p> <p>C. Steps planned to conserve energy usage.</p>
<p>[] 0 to 5</p>	<p>8. Practicing Ecojustice Locally</p> <p>“Eco-Justice holds together commitments for ecological sustainability and human justice. It sees environmental issues and justice issues not as competing agendas, but as intertwined elements of how humans are called to relate to God's creation. It asserts that it is not possible to care for the earth without also caring for humanity, and that seeking human justice must involve care for the environment.” <i>–from the Ecojustice Ministries website</i></p> <p>The congregation participates in mission activities that promote ecojustice within the local community.</p> <p>A. Name the committee and/or individuals responsible for evaluating this category.</p> <p>B. Reason for current score:</p> <p>C. Steps planned to promote eco-justice within the local community.</p>

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<p>[] 0 to 5</p>	<p>9. Creation Care Plan The congregation has developed a comprehensive plan for reducing the ecological and carbon footprint of all areas of congregational life.</p> <p>A. Reason for current score:</p> <p>B. By working through each category above, you will have completed a creation care plan.</p> <p>1.) How will the conclusions each group came to above be shared with the congregation and compiled into an overall plan?</p> <p>2.) What are your top two priorities?</p> <p>3.) What individuals or groups will be responsible to see that the plan moves forward?</p> <p>4.) When will you return to this score sheet again to evaluate your progress?</p>

Total Score

- 0 - 20 Visioning Leaf
- 21 - 30 Silver Leaf
- 31 - 40 Gold Leaf
- 41 - 45 Green Leaf