

Resources for Environmental Stewardship

Environmental Stewardship at Churches and Homes

- Learn more about how to perform an **energy audit of your church** through PC(USA)'s Electric Stewardship Program at <http://www.pcusa.org/energy>.
- Find a **“Do It Yourself” energy audit** from Kansas Interfaith Power and Light at <http://www.climateandenergy.org/CEPProject/IPLresources/Index.htm>.
- **The Energy Star for Congregations** website includes a guide book on how to make your church more energy efficient (includes Energy Star Sure Energy Savers). Go to: http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=small_business.sb_congregations.
- The Enough for Everyone program at PC(USA) has created a **“Green Living” guide** that has environmental information and tips on how to green your life. Access the guide and more information at <http://www.pcusa.org/justliving/everyday/greenliving.htm>.
- To calculate the **carbon footprint of your church**, go to: <http://coolcongregations.com/calculator>.
- Calculate your **household carbon footprint** and learn steps to lessen the impact on this EPA website: http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator.html.
- Web of Creation offers many resources on faith and ecology; including **“The Environmental Guide for Congregations, Their Buildings, and Grounds,”** a holistic look at how congregations impact the environment with steps to reduce this impact. Go to: <http://www.webofcreation.org>.
- The National Council of Churches Eco-Justice Program provides **resources on environmental issues** available at <http://nccecojustice.org/resources/>.
- The Interfaith Power and Light website has a wealth of **resources on energy efficiency issues** at <http://interfaithpowerandlight.org/resources/#enef>.
- Learn how to purchase **fairly traded coffee and other products, learn about the Eco-Palms project, and Sweat Free T-shirts** at the Enough for Everyone site: <http://www.pcusa.org/enough>.

Information on Church Case Studies in Energy Efficiency

- Learn more about **Limestone Presbyterian Church’s Solar Panels** at <http://www.limestonepresbyterian.org/solar/index.htm>.
- Read about **Swarthmore Presbyterian Church’s journey to an Energy Star Congregation Award** at http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=sb_success.congregations2009_swarthmore.
- Read a story about **First Presbyterian Church Tallahassee’s carbon neutral commitment** at <http://www.pcusa.org/environment/solarchurch.htm>.
- Read **more church earth care stories** at www.pcusa.org/environment/earthcare.htm and email your own to be posted on the website to Katie Holmes at katie.holmes@pcusa.org.

Funding Sources

- Search the Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency at www.dsireusa.org/.
- Energy Star’s Guide for Congregations has several funding ideas at http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=congregations_guidebook.congregations_guidebook.
- Contact your local Interfaith Power and Light affiliate to see if local funding opportunities exist. For a listing of state affiliates visit <http://interfaithpowerandlight.org/state/>.
- Ask your power company about incentive programs and free/reduced cost energy audits.
- Search the National Council of Churches Eco-Justice Program’s database of funding for green congregations at <http://www.nccecojustice.org/greenchurch/grbfunding.php>.

Linking Spirituality and Social Witness

- For background on the **church's environmental policy and a study guide for congregations**, read *Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice* (1990 General Assembly) and *Hazardous Waste, Race, and the Environment* (1995). To order and find other PC(USA) environmental policies including the 2008 *Power to Change: U.S. Energy Policy and Global Warming* go to: <http://www.pcusa.org/environment/resources.htm>.
- *And the Leaves of the Tree are for the Healing of the Nations* by Carol Johnston explores **biblical & theological basis for caring for God's creation**. Order at <http://www.pcusa.org/environment/resources.htm>.
- To order back issues of *Church and Society* magazine that focus on **environment and energy**, and many other concerns, go to <http://www.pcusa.org/acswp/church-and-society.htm>.
- To explore **environmental theology and ethics** read *Earth Habitat: Eco-Injustice and the Church's Response* edited by Dieter Hessel and Larry Rasmussen. (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2001) or *Ecotheology: Voices from South and North* edited by David G. Hallman (Orbis Books, 1994).
- To keep up with **legislative issues** affecting the environment, visit the Washington Office's website at <http://www.pcusa.org/washington>.
- Learn more about **Presbyterians for Earth Care, an Eco-Justice Network**, at www.presbyearthcare.org.

Incorporating Eco-Theology in Your Worship

- For **environmental worship resources** go to <http://www.webofcreation.org/Worship/resources.htm>.
- To find **eco-centered hymns** go to <http://nccecojustice.org/resources/hymns.php>.
- For an archive of PC(USA) **Earth Day resources** to use with your congregation go to <http://www.pcusa.org/environment/earthday.htm>.

Contact the PC(USA) Environmental Ministries Office at 1-888-728-7228 x5624 for more resources and ideas about how you and your church can be more energy efficient stewards of God's creation.

Visit our website and subscribe to our e-newsletter at <http://www.pcusa.org/environment>.

Read the Eco-Journey blog at <http://presbyterian.typepad.com/ecojourney/>.

Environmental Ministries coordinates with other General Assembly Mission Council offices and works with presbyteries, synods, congregations, and members on environmental concerns related to worship and education, public policy, mission responsibility through investment, individual and corporate lifestyle, and leadership development.