

Five Leaf Eco-Awards Basic Certificate Criteria Survey

Use this survey to gather ideas about what your church can do for the environment, or to find out if your church is eligible for the Five Leaf Eco-Awards Basic Certificate...

1. Has your church conducted a casual walk through energy audit of the church building?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ Please send me more information on how to complete this criteria

2. What three actions has your church taken to reduce your energy or resource use?

- ☐ We print pew sheets/newsletters on both sides
- ☐ We have switched to 100% post-consumer recycled paper
- ☐ We have switched to an online newsletter
- ☐ We have installed solar panels
- ☐ We have installed solar hot water
- ☐ We have installed a water tank
- ☐ Our rainwater tanks supply the water for our toilets or garden
- ☐ We have a greywater or blackwater system
- ☐ We have switched to GreenPower
- ☐ We have installed timers on our hot water urns
- ☐ We have sealed up drafts to keep heat in
- ☐ We have switched to energy efficient lighting
- ☐ We have turned off an old fridge we are not using anymore
- ☐ We have double-glazed or put film on our windows to increase their insulation

Other (please specify):

3. What two behaviour change campaigns has your church run to encourage your congregation to be more environmentally friendly at church?

- ☐ We have installed signs on lights, taps and heaters in the church to remind people to turn them off.
- ☐ We compost all organic waste from services
- ☐ We have bees
- ☐ We host a native bee hive or bug hotel
- ☐ We have chickens/ducks
- ☐ We have worms

- ☐ We use environmentally friendly cleaning products
 - ☐ We have switched to a native garden with low water usage
 - ☐ We have planted an Indigenous Food Garden
 - ☐ We water the church gardens in the evening or early morning to reduce evaporation
 - ☐ We remind people to report leaks
 - ☐ We encourage everyone to always print double sided on recycled paper
 - ☐ We have lap rugs in church instead of using the heaters
 - ☐ We use 'Who Gives A Crap' or recycled toilet paper
- Other (please specify):

4. Have you held an environment themed worship service this year?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Yes, we participate in the Season of Creation/Sustainable September each year
- ☐ Yes, we have held at least 4 environment themed services this year
- ☐ We conducted a Bible Study on the environment this year
- ☐ We have had multiple guest speakers on environmental issues this year
- ☐ Eco-theology is integrated into all our worship services
- ☐ We also participate in a Carbon Fast in Lent
- ☐ We hold a Blessing of the Animals Service
- ☐ We have held worship outdoors
- ☐ We hold a 'Walk and Wonder' or 'Spiritual/Prayerful Bushwalking' event/s
- ☐ We bring elements of nature into our worship space
- ☐ We welcome animals in church
- ☐ No

Date and theme:

5. What two resources have you provided to help the members of your congregation to be more environmentally friendly at home?

- ☐ We provide regular tips on how to be environmentally friendly in our church newsletter/pew sheet
- ☐ We provide regular eco-theology quotes or sections from *Laudato Si* in our church newsletter/pew sheet
- ☐ We have established a church environmental group to provide advice, information and lead action.
- ☐ We have had a talk or guest speaker on being environmentally friendly/environmental issues (for example a sustainability officer from the local council or recycling centre)
- ☐ We have organised a walking bus, carpool or bicycle ride to church
- ☐ We have held a sustainability workshop at our church
- ☐ We provide brochures or display posters on actions members of the congregation can take
- ☐ We provide a composting service for parishioners

- ☐ We collect items such as batteries, mobile phones and spectacles for recycling or donation to AID programs
- ☐ We have an Op Shop
- ☐ We grow food products for the community
- ☐ We provide a space for members to share the produce of their gardens
- ☐ Our congregation members have participated in energy and water use surveys to reduce their environmental impact.
- ☐ We provide books, DVDs etc. on environmental issues for member of the congregation to borrow
- ☐ We have given congregation members a list of useful environmental web links
- ☐ Distributed water efficient shower heads, egg timers and energy efficient lights to the congregation
- ☐ Held a gardening workshop
- ☐ Created posters about what congregation members are doing at home for the environment
- ☐ Distributed local native plants for home gardens
- ☐ Held a Repair Cafe, where people can bring items to get help fixing them instead of buying new ones
- ☐ We have a toy library
- ☐ We have talked about/held a workshop on reducing plastic or going 'Zero Waste' (reusable straws, beeswax wraps, bamboo toothbrushes, reusable bags, produce bags etc)

Other (please specify):

6. Name an environment themed event you have held that the wider community attended:

- ☐ An eco-fair/enviro fair/garden festival
- ☐ A 'Green Film Night'
- ☐ A forum on a local environmental issue
- ☐ A letter writing night
- ☐ A visit to a local MP to talk about an environmental issue
- ☐ Participated in a Climate March or environmental protest
- ☐ A guest speaker
- ☐ A one-stop community recycling event
- ☐ Community workshops
- ☐ Clean Up Australia Day/ a rubbish collection
- ☐ Bush care or restoration
- ☐ Tree Planting event
- ☐ Launch of solar panels or environmental program

Other (please specify):

7. Describe the special project your congregation has completed that demonstrates your commitment to environmental action...

- ☐ Establishing a Community Garden
- ☐ Restoring a local ecosystem
- ☐ Establishing a program to contribute to the conservation of an endangered or threatened species

Other (please specify):

8. Are there any other environmental actions your church has undertaken that you have not mentioned yet?

If you would like to find out how close your church is to earning an award, please send your completed survey to fiveleafecoawards@gmail.com and provide your contact details so we can send you the results :)