

Is YOUR church a Green Justice Congregation?

- Preach an environmental stewardship sermon
- Hold an annual “Earth Day Sunday”
- Show an environmental justice film
- Invite speakers on environmental justice to special church events
- Measure the carbon footprint of the church facility and pledge to reduce it by 10% each year
- Shift church communications from paper to electronic media as much as possible
- Put office machines on power strips, turn off appliances overnight, and unplug rarely used appliances
- Replace incandescent bulbs with CFLs
- Install energy-efficient windows and doors
- Buy Energy Star appliances
- Install water saving toilets throughout the facility
- Install tankless or solar water heaters
- Recycle paper/bottles/cans
- Shift to reusable dishes and utensils and locally grown food for church events
- Conduct a professional energy audit of the church facility
- Develop a carpool system for church activities
- Create a community garden at the church
- Shift to organic landscape care
- Hold a letter-writing campaign or visit elected officials to tell them environmental justice should be reflected in public policy decisions
- Join with other congregations to pool resources and energy for community efforts toward environmental justice