

# GREEN CHURCH MOVEMENT

## West Ohio Conference

### Sustainability Audit

DONE!	WILL CONSIDER	NOT FOR US	<b>WORSHIP</b>
			Include environmental concerns in worship/prayer
			Ask God's forgiveness for doing harm to the environment
			Connect with creation during worship (worship outside)
			Sing hymns or songs celebrating creation
			Save trees by reducing/eliminating paper bulletins
			Use recycled, chlorine-free paper for any printed materials
			Use locally produced communion elements
			<b>EDUCATION</b>
			Study/explore environmental issues in Bible studies
			Include earth themes in Sunday school/children's church
			Hold a forum or film screening on environmental issues
			Include youth in a conservation project
			Encourage children/youth to spend time in nature
			Hold an environmental summer camp for children
			Organize/host an Earth Day event
			<b>BUILDING</b>
			Add insulation to church building (walls/ceiling)
			Choose appropriately sized rooms for activities
			Install a smart/programmable thermostat
			Use energy-saving light bulbs (LED/CFL)
			When replacing appliances, choose energy efficient ones
			Unplug/turn off appliances when not in use
			Check water faucets for drips and leaks
			Install water-saving devices on toilets and taps
			Install an energy-efficient dishwasher & run weekly
			Encourage use of virtual meetings when possible
			Use environmentally friendly cleaning products
			Add a bottle filler to drinking fountains
			Consider adding solar to the roof or building a solar carport
			<b>PROPERTY</b>
			Make minimal use of weed killers and pesticides
			Allow areas of property to grow 'wild' for use by insects, bees, and animals
			Use native plant species that benefit wildlife
			Install bird feeders and bird nest boxes
			Mow leaves instead of raking and discarding them
			Consider using green space for flower/vegetable gardens

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			Compost yard waste & use as fertilizer
			Install a rain barrel and use it to water flowers
			Install a rain garden/wetland where water naturally pools
			Install EV chargers (solar-powered if possible)
			<b>CONSUMABLES</b>
			Purchase Fairtrade or locally made products when possible
			Purchase food from farmers' markets or other local suppliers
			Have recycling containers available with instructions
			Purchase recycled, unbleached and/or chlorine-free paper products (copy paper, paper towels, napkins, coffee filters)
			Consider using real plates and silverware instead of paper or plastic
			Ban Styrofoam cups and plates from church events
			Use real coffee cups that are donated or thrifted
			Consider composting food waste to keep it out of landfills
			<b>LIFESTYLE</b>
			Publish green tips/ideas on the church website, newsletter, & social media
			Promote home energy audits and carbon footprint tracking
			Encourage recycling and waste reduction at home
			Encourage walking, cycling, public transport, and car-pooling to church
			Encourage parishioners to join a CSA or use a local farmers market
			Partner with a local conservation non-profit to pick up litter
			Organize a seed exchange in your church or community
			<b>ADVOCACY</b>
			Organize an offering of letters to policy makers, urging them to take meaningful action for the environment
			Hold a community prayer vigil for environmental justice
			Become involved in UWF's Just Energy 4 All campaign
			Encourage your congregants to give up plastic for Lent
			<b>GENERAL</b>
			Establish a 'green team' that can help guide efforts to green your church
			Adopt a written environmentally preferable (or green) purchasing policy
			Encourage groups that use church property to care for the earth as well