



ELCIC Greening Faith Community Annual Accreditation Registration Form

Name of Faith Community _____

Note: A faith community may be a congregation, organization, ministry, institution or other group of people with connections to the ELCIC.

Address: _____

City/Province/Postal Code: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Website/Social media: _____

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Name of Contact: _____

Role of Contact: _____

(i.e. committee chair, environment steward, president, rostered minister, etc.)

Contact phone number: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____

Being an ELCIC Greening Faith Community means:

- Setting annual goals to encourage stewardship of creation;
- Doing an annual review of environmental stewardship goal;
- Sharing stories, insights and resources;
- Registering with the ELCIC; and,
- Encouraging other faith communities to consider stewardship of creation initiatives and/or registering as an ELCIC Greening Faith Community.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

Please check all that apply.

Feel free to describe name your own ideas.

Worship, prayer and formation for a healthy relationship with the earth:

- Acknowledge the traditional Indigenous territory where we worship and gather.
- Observe the Season of Creation. www.elcic.ca/seasonofcreation/default.cfm
- Participate in Earth Day events at church and/or in our community.
- Host or participate in an Earth Hour. www.earthhour.org/
- Host an outdoor prayer, worship or formational event.
- Support our synod's outdoor ministry.
- Plant trees.
- Host an event to explore the theology of the stewardship of creation.
- Pray regularly for a healthy relationship with the earth.

Our ideas: _____

Reducing our environmental footprint:

- Reduce or eliminate the use of disposable dishes, utensils and single use plastics at ministry events.
- Implement a recycling program: reduce, reuse, recycle.
- Conduct an energy audit of our building, facilities and grounds.
- Do maintenance, repairs and/or renovations to reduce energy consumption.
- Care for our grounds and landscaping in ways that demonstrate stewardship of creation.
- Use locally sourced food and drinks are used when possible.
- Provide composting for ministry events and gatherings.
- Encourage the use of carpooling, public transit, bicycling and active transportation.
- Conserve water.

Our ideas: _____

Educating and Raising Awareness

- Identify environmental issues in our context.
- Host a stewardship of creation learning event at least once per year.
- Include stewardship of creation in Sunday School, Confirmation and/or educational ministry.
- Promote and/or attend ecumenical, interfaith and community learning events,
- Encourage individual members to reduce their reliance on single-use plastic products.
[eg. www.myplasticfreelife.com/plasticfreeguide/](http://www.myplasticfreelife.com/plasticfreeguide/)
- Deepen our understanding of the land on which you live and worship: know the watershed, ecosystem and traditional Indigenous territory.
- Be in conversation with people we know whose vocation, avocation or studies involves care for the environment.
- Share environmental tips through our newsletter, website and communications.
- Post your stewardship of creation activities on social media using #myELCIC.

Our ideas: _____

Partnership, Advocacy, and systemic change

Partner with local groups promoting climate justice.

Connect with KAIROS and other ecumenical resources for climate justice. www.kairoscanada.org

Participate in a climate strike or other public rally for climate justice.

Write a letter to municipal, provincial, territorial or federal leaders in support of climate justice.

Participate in a local or neighbourhood cleanup day.

Set annual goals to encourage stewardship of creation and annually review our goals.

Registering with the ELCIC as a Greening Faith Community.

www.elcic.ca/Stewardship/Stewardship-of-Creation/default.cfm

Encouraging other faith communities to consider stewardship of creation initiatives and/or registering as an ELCIC Greening Faith Community.

Share stories and resources with the ELCIC.

Our ideas: _____

Our top priorities for the coming year are:

We wish to share the following story and insight regarding our efforts to be faithful stewards of creation:

We wish to share the following resources that we have found helpful:

Please return to ELCIC National Office

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Mail: 600-177 Lombard Avenue,
Winnipeg MB R3B 0W5

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Date Received: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Faith Community Contacted (date): _____