

PRACTICAL HOPE: LIVING WITH RESPECT IN CREATION

Your Congregation: _____

Your Green Enthusiast's name: _____

A brief Environmental Questionnaire for Congregations:
Considering the life of your congregation over the past year, please circle the most appropriate number for each item:

A) **In our Worship**, the theme of Environment and Responsibility for Creation has been:

Never Mentioned	Mentioned Once or Twice	Somewhat Important – sometimes in hymns or prayers	Often mentioned – has been a theme of at least one worship service over the last year	An integral part of every worship service; we are deepening our theology of the environment
1	2	3	4	5

B) **In our Education Programs** – Sunday School, youth and/or adult study groups, the theme of Responsibility for Creation and Environment is:

Never Mentioned	Mentioned once in a while, but not very often	Sometimes included in some way	Often included within our study	A central, ongoing theme of our education and study
1	2	3	4	5

C) **In regards to our Buildings and Grounds**, concerns about energy conservation and environmental sustainability are:

Never Mentioned	Mentioned once in a while, but we have taken no action to conserve or become more sustainable	We have taken small steps to conserve and become more sustainable eg. we recycle waste, change lightbulbs.	We have taken a number of steps to conserve and become more sustainable. Eg. worship in smaller area in winter.	We have taken significant steps – eg. had an energy audit on all buildings and are implementing recommendations
1	2	3	4	5

D) **In our lives at Home and at Work**, our congregation encourages members to practice environmentally sustainable practices:

Really Never	Mentioned a little, but not seen as essential to Christian life	In general ways we sometimes encourage members to live with respect for the creation in their daily lives.	From time to time we offer specific encouragement to live sustainably. Eg. offer tips on organic gardening in Church bulletins	We offer specific education and encourage sustainable practices as a requirement of Christians today.
1	2	3	4	5

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E) **In our Public Ministry and Advocacy**, our Congregation is involved in concerns and issues about sustainability and the environment:

Not at all	A few members are concerned and involved with environmental concerns	Over the past year, our congregation has signed a petition, spoken out, or taken other action on environmental issues at least once	We have regularly signed petitions, taken actions, and/or supported environmental concerns raised by others in the community	As part of our public ministry, we have organized and initiated education and action on environmental concerns in our community.
1	2	3	4	5

F) **Overall in terms of our life as a church**, our congregation members generally feel that environmental concerns are:

Not important	A minor concern	Somewhat Important	Fairly Important	Extremely Important
1	2	3	4	5

Any additional comments. Include your present greening activities:

Please return completed questionnaire to Maritime Conference by surface mail or by email to: Laura Hunter, Maritime Conference Office, 32 York St., Sackville, NB E4L 4R4 lhunter@marconf.ca