

GREENING THE CHURCH: Buildings, Grounds, and Events

Greening the Church (UCC 2008) is a recently published how-to guide for United Church congregations that want to make church buildings more energy efficient and ecologically sustainable. *Greening the Church* can be ordered for \$4.95, plus shipping and handling, through the United Church's Resource Distribution Centre at 1-800-288-7365 or online at <http://www.united-church.ca/sales/ucrd/order>

A Guide to Energy Efficiency for Religious Buildings in Nova Scotia This guide was produced by *Clean Nova Scotia*. It includes an overview, audits, case studies and action plans. The entire guide can be downloaded as a PDF file from <http://www.clean.ns.ca/images/PDF/ChurchEnergyManual.pdf> or can be sent by mail by contacting Clean NS at (902) 424-6684

Energy Workbook for Religious Buildings (November 2004) KAIROS, This fourteen page workbook provides a series of checklists and worksheets to assist churches in conducting an energy use audit of their church. It can be downloaded from the KAIROS website: www.kairoscanada.org in the Ecology section under Energy Efficiency.

The Enviro Church Conservation Project of P.E.I's Green Sanctuary Manual, David MacKay. This manual provides both spiritual and practical suggestions for how to move forward on environmental and energy projects within your church. Contact David MacKay at the Enviro Church Conservation Project to order a copy (david@ecopei.ca)

Footprint Files. (2004) The Diocesan Environmental Commission (DEC) of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia, Wood Lake Books, Inc. This publication provides a series of modules on spirituality, action and ideas that can be taken to help your church become greener in its practices (including energy efficiency). Contact Wood Lake Books or the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia on how to order this resource.

Putting Energy into Stewardship: Energy Star for Congregations Guide. (2000). *The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Energy Star*. This very comprehensive, 86-page technical guide offers suggestions to congregations on how to move forward with retrofitting projects in their church. This publication can be downloaded for free at: http://www.energystar.gov/ia/business/small_business/congregations.pdf

Practical Guide to Improving Energy Efficiency of your Religious Buildings by *Faith & the Common Good* (76 pages) covers how to 'tune-up' your building through regular maintenance actions, as well as detailing the wide range of retrofits that can help you save energy, greenhouse gases, and money without sacrificing your comfort. (Please note that this guide is included in the Greening Sacred Spaces All-Inclusive Kit.)

Also available from Faith in the Common Good is a DVD called "**Renewing The Sacred Balance**". It is a collection of short clips including such titles as "Conducting an Energy Audit" (8 minutes) and "Greening Sacred Spaces" (20 minutes)

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www.faith-commongood.net

“**Greening Sacred Spaces**” is available as a single DVD from AVEL, United Church

Some Protestant denominations in the British Isles are using the internet as a networking and resource to share ideas and encouragement. See how at www.ecocongregation.org

To see an example of an **eco-inventory** one Anglican congregation in Winnipeg completed to help their greening efforts look up <http://www.stpetersanglican.ca/GreeningChurches.pdf>

OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

